

APPENDIX A

The following table summarizes examples of microfluidic components and structures that can be made available in a library for design capture.

Component/ Structure	Brief Description	Reference(s)	Figure Number(s)
ON/OFF Switches	An ON/OFF switch is open in the ON state allowing fluid flow therethrough and is closed in the OFF state to prevent fluid flow therethrough.		
	Pressure-actuated, normally open switch	Present Application 60/282,253	2A-3 7A-7E 8
	Pressure-actuated, normally closed switch	60/282,253	9A-9D
	Vacuum-actuated, normally closed switch	60/282,253	10 & 15A- 15J
	Inverted pyramid pressure amplification switch	60/282,253	39A-39D 40-41
	T-switch	Present Application	13A
Valves	Valves are provided for directing fluid flow.		
	Side-actuated valve	PCT/US00/ 17740	48A-48B
	Unidirectional valve for permitting fluid flow in one direction therethrough	60/282,253	20A-B 21 22 23
Interconnect Bridges	Interconnect bridge having a control channel with tapered element for bridging a fluid channel	Present Application	17B
Vias	Vias provided in one channel for bridging another channel.	Present Application	18B
Tapers	Fluidic taper for facilitating connection between a larger channel and a small channel	Present Application	28
Switchable Flow Arrays	Switchable flow array including fluid passages that can be selectively directed to flow in two perpendicular directions	PCT/US00/ 17740	31A-31D

Component/ Structure	Brief Description	Reference(s)	Figure Number(s)
Multiplexer	Multiplexer having multiplexed channel flow controllers for directing fluid flow into one or more of a plurality of synthesis channels or chambers in which solid phase synthesis may be performed	PCT/US00/17740	33
Gates or Gate Structures	Fluidic logical gates can be used to perform Boolean functions.		
	Inverter for inverting an input to produce an output	60/282,253	12A
	OR gate	60/282,253	12C
	NOR gate	60/282,253	12E
	AND gate	60/282,253	12G
	NAND gate	Present Application	5A
	Latch/Flip-flop	Present Application	6A 6B
		60/282,253	33
	D-latch	Present Application	7A
Amplifiers	Fluidic pressure amplifier for amplifying pressure	60/282,253	3-4B
Pumps	Fluidic pumps are used for pumping fluid.		
	Pump operating by compression and bending of fluid chamber	60/282,253	17A-B
	Peristaltic pump with multiple control lines for pumping	PCT/US00/17740	24A-24B
	Rotary pump/mixer for mixing and incubating solutions	Present Application	21
Capacitors & Reservoirs	A capacitor or reservoir can be used for storing and releasing pressure.		
	Single-chamber high-pressure reservoir	60/282,253	24
	Two-chamber capacitor	60/282,253	28-29B
	Single-chamber vacuum reservoir	60/282,253	32
Pressure Sources	High pressure source for applying high pressure fluid to load devices	60/282,253	26
Generators	High pressure generator having stages for multiplying output pressure	60/282,253	27
Vacuum Sources	Vacuum source for driving vacuum-actuated devices	60/282,253	30

Component/ Structure	Brief Description	Reference(s)	Figure Number(s)
Fluid Chambers	Selectively addressable reaction chambers provided along flow lines and in an array for selectively directing fluid flow into one or more of the reaction chambers	PCT/US00/ 17740	28A-30
Switching Regulators	Switching regulator for performing analog functions	60/282,253	34
Sorting Devices	Sorting device for cell sorting and DNA sizing	PCT/US00/ 17740 Present Application	36 27-28
Separation Devices	Separation device for perform separation of materials	PCT/US00/ 17740	43
Cell Pen Structures	Cell pen array for storing materials within a selected, addressable position for ready access	PCT/US00/ 17740	44A-44D
Cell Cage Structures	Cell cage with pillars that permit opening of cage for transfer of cells	PCT/US00/ 17740	45A-45B
Cell Grinder Structures	Cell grinder with interdigitated posts that can be closed to crush material therebetween	PCT/US00/ 17740	46A-46B
Pressure Oscillators	Pressure oscillator for generating pressure oscillation	PCT/US00/ 17740	47
Mirror Array Structures	With appropriate control circuitry, a microfluidic structure having a light-reflecting membrane may be employed as a digital or analog mirror array.	PCT/US00/ 17740	38
Refractive Devices	Refractive device having elastomeric material capable of transmitting incident light	PCT/US00/ 17740	39 40 41

APPENDIX B

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General Icon Properties

Two distinguishable colors representing channels on different layers. Red in this case representing the control channel and blue the fluidic channel. There are typically two ports on each of the channels represented by white circles, or dots, sometimes outlined with black circles. Some of the icons will only have one color representing a channel only present on one layer and others will have two colors representing components composed of multiple channels on multiple layers.

Orientation

The orientation of the components in the icons does not represent its final placement in the microfluidic design. Once the component is placed, it can be rotated with freedom to any degree (0 – 360).

Valve



Valve

Description:

The valve icon represents the basic switching element and consists of channels of different widths and lengths with connection points, or ports.

T- Switch



T-Switch

Description:

The T-Switch represents a basic component that is used to direct the incoming flow in the fluidic channel to none or one of two channels based on the state of the control channels. The channels for both the fluidic and control layer can be of different widths and lengths with connection points, or ports.

Control Tapers



Control Taper

Description:

The Control Taper is a basic component that allows a connection from a larger control channel to a smaller control channel or visa versa. The ends of the tapers can be of different widths based on the needed geometries of what needs to be connected.

Fluid Taper



Fluid Taper

Description:

The Fluid Taper is a basic component that allows a connection from a larger fluid channel to a smaller fluid channel or visa versa. The ends of the tapers can be of different widths based on the needed geometries of what needs to be connected.

Peristaltic Pump



Pump

Description:

The Peristaltic Pump is a basic component that allows the active control of fluid in either direction. The actual channels, both fluidic and control, can be of different widths based on the geometries required for proper operation.

Pump and Dampener



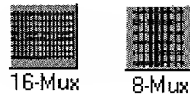
Pump+Dampener

Description:

The Peristaltic Pump and Dampener is a basic component that allows the active control of fluid in either direction and includes dampening channels to smoothen the flow of fluid.

The actual channels, both fluidic and control, can be of different widths based on the geometries required for proper operation.

Multiplexers



Description:

The Multiplexers are basic component that allows the active control of fluid in 8 or 16 fluid channels based on a binary application of control signals to the control channels. The actual channels, both fluidic and control, can be of different widths based on the geometries required for proper operation. In general, these icons can be extended to cover N fluid lines controlled by $2\log N$ control lines.

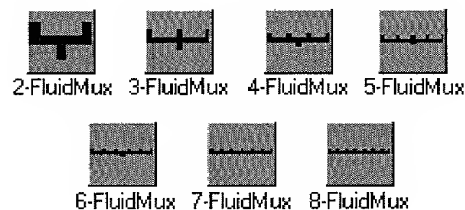
Rotary Mixers



Description:

The Rotary Mixers are basic components and come in different configurations based on the application needs. The Rotary Mixer comes in three basic variations of the fluid input and output ports: 2 fluid input/output (I/O), 3 fluid I/O, and 4 fluid I/O. The Rotary Mixer Sq has a different topology which allows “tiling” of the mixers and comes in two basic variations of the fluid input and output ports: 2 fluid input/output (I/O) and 3 fluid I/O. The actual channels, both fluidic and control, can be of different widths based on the geometries required for proper operation.

Fluid Mux Connectors



The Fluid Mux Connectors are basic components that are sized and positioned to work the Multiplexer and Channel Array Components. These icons represent the “mux” connections from 2 through 8 array or multiplexer outputs or inputs.

Bridges

The purpose of the Bridge component is to allow control lines to cross over fluid lines without stopping the flow of the fluid line below it. This feature enables the user to design the chip with more complexity and greater density. Note: The flow line is not completely unaffected because the membrane of the bridge component will deflect when the control line is actuated. The amount of deflection will depend upon the amount of pressure that is applied to the control line.

Channel Arrays

The channel array provides a set of individually addressable flow lines. The number of control lines is equal to the number of flow lines for this component. The flow of the liquid within the array can be controlled in any fashion by actuating the necessary control lines.

Control Components

The Control components allow the Control lines to be arranged in the configurations required by the user. The dimensions of these components have been established using the minimum recommended lengths for the individual components.

Dampeners

The Dampener elements are used provide smoother flow of pumped liquid. The membrane of the Dampener element will deflect and absorb the energy caused by the closing of the valves of the peristaltic pump.

Fluid Components

The Fluid components allow the Fluid lines to be arranged in the configurations required by the user. The dimensions of these components have been established using the minimum recommended lengths for the individual components.

Fluid Mux Connectors

The Fluid Mux Connectors enable the user to interface the flow lines of the Multiplexer and Channel arrays to other components. They have been designed to match the flow line spacing for these components.

Mixers

The Mixers are used to mix two or more different liquids within a closed loop. Mixing is accomplished by pumping the liquid around the closed loop. Parabolic flow of the liquid within the loop allows for fast and efficient mixing. The different Mixer orientations allow the user to arrange the mixers in various configurations (arrays, etc.) depending upon requirements.

Tapers

The taper element is required when varying the width of the control lines or the fluid lines. This requirement is necessary because of the manufacturing process involved in making the molds for the chips.

Multiplexers

The Multiplexer element allows the user to flow liquid in any single flow line at a given time using a predetermined control scheme. The number of control lines required for a given multiplexer can be calculated using the equation $2(\log_2 N)$, where

N is the number of flow lines. The advantage of the Multiplexer becomes more obvious as larger arrays are used, where the number of control lines can be significantly less than the number of flow lines.

Pumps

The Pump element is a peristaltic pump which is composed of three individual valves. The liquid within the flow lines are pumped by sequentially actuating the individual valves. The Pump can be used with or without the Dampener element.

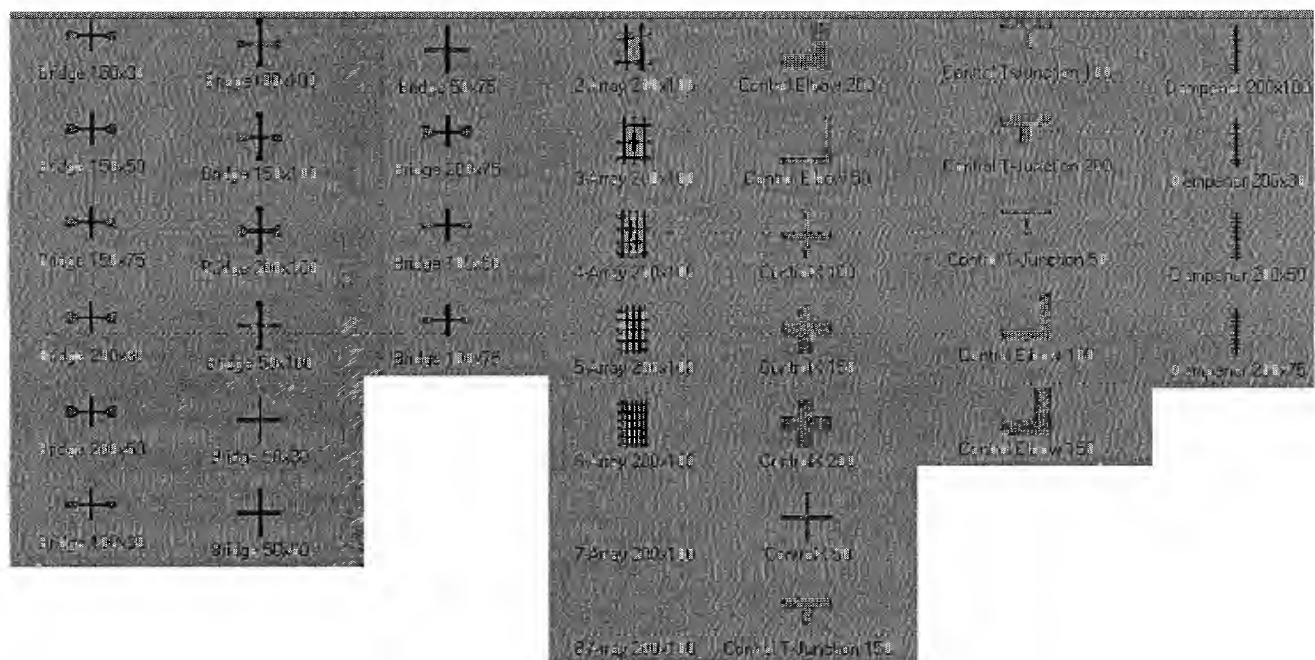
T-Switch

The T-Switch element allows the user to control the input of two flow lines into a single flow line or vice versa. The valve elements can be used to turn the flow of each input on and off so that the desired liquid runs through the single line or the valves can be used to separate the flow from a single line to two lines.




































Valve

The valve element is used to turn the liquid flow on and off. This is controlled by providing sufficient air pressure to cause the membrane to deflect and pinch off the flow line.

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 Fluid Tee 75	 Fluid Elbow 75	 4-Fluid Mixer 100	 2000-Rotary Mixer 200x100-4	 2000-Rotary Mixer 200x100	
 Fluid T-Junction 75	 Fluid Elbow 75	 5-Fluid Mixer 100	 4000-Rotary Mixer Sq 200x100-3	 2000-Rotary Mixer 200x100-4	
 Fluid T-Junction 30	 Fluid Tee 100	 6-Fluid Mixer 100	 2000-Rotary Mixer Sq 200x100-2	 2000-Rotary Mixer Sq 200x100-3	
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Appendix C

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Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Age (years)	50.0 ± 10.0
Gender	
Male	50.0%
Female	50.0%
Education (years)	12.0 ± 2.0
Marital status	
Married	80.0%
Single	20.0%
Occupation	
Professional	30.0%
Managerial	20.0%
Technical	10.0%
Skilled	20.0%
Unskilled	20.0%
Income (USD/month)	1,500.0 ± 500.0
Health status	
Good	70.0%
Fair	20.0%
Poor	10.0%

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Managerial	20.0%
Technical	10.0%
Service	20.0%
Unemployed	20.0%
Health status	
Good	70.0%
Fair	20.0%
Poor	10.0%
Smoking status	
Smoker	30.0%
Non-smoker	70.0%
Alcohol consumption	
Regular	10.0%
Occasional	20.0%
Never	70.0%
Family size	3.0 ± 1.0
Number of children	2.0 ± 1.0
Number of grandchildren	1.0 ± 1.0
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The following are the system requirements for installing FluidArchitect onto a PC.

- ## Installing FluidArchitect

Requesting a License

Once you have successfully installed the program onto your computer you will need to request a license to unlock the FluidArchitect application in order to use it. The unlock code that will be generated is specifically for the computer the application is installed on. Follow the steps outlined below to request a license for your copy of FluidArchitect.

1. Start the FluidArchitect installer.
2. The InstallShield application will now walk you through the steps of selecting a target directory and installing all the necessary files and directories onto your computer.
3. After finishing installation, go to *Programs > Fluid Architect > Fluid Architect* under the *Start* menu on your computers desktop to start the FluidArchitect application.

- Abstract** The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of a 12-week training program on the heart rate (HR) and blood pressure (BP) of sedentary, middle-aged men. The subjects were divided into two groups: a control group and an exercise group. The control group consisted of 10 men who did not exercise, and the exercise group consisted of 10 men who exercised for 12 weeks. The HR and BP were measured at baseline and at the end of the 12-week period. The results showed that the exercise group had a significant decrease in both HR and BP compared to the control group. The HR of the exercise group decreased from 72.5 ± 5.0 beats/min at baseline to 68.5 ± 4.0 beats/min at the end of the 12-week period. The BP of the exercise group decreased from 120/80 mmHg at baseline to 110/70 mmHg at the end of the 12-week period. The control group showed no significant change in HR or BP. These results suggest that a 12-week training program can effectively reduce HR and BP in sedentary, middle-aged men.

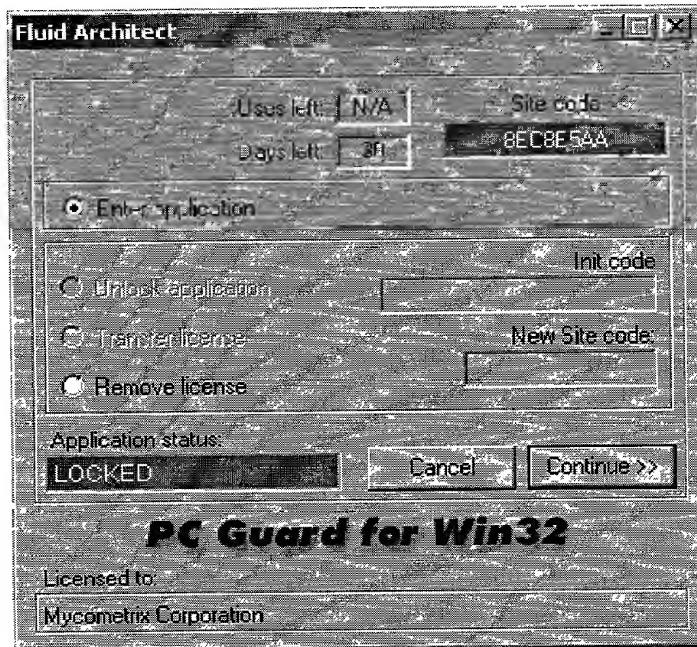


Figure 1 – License Manager

5. Select the Site code and copy the code. Paste the code into an email along with the following information:
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 - Fax Number (optional)
 - Email Address
6. Email the information to license@fluidigm.com. A license will be generated and emailed back to you typically within 24 hours.

Licensing FluidArchitect

After you have received an email containing your Initialization code, follow the steps below to license FluidArchitect.

1. You will receive a 16 digit alphanumeric string based on the Site code sent in your email.
2. Enter the 16 digit alphanumeric string EXACTLY as it is shown in the email including the “-” character which separates the strings. See Figure 2. In this case the Init code of *TEST-123455678-LOCK* was entered.
3. Click the *Continue >>* button to complete the licensing process.



Chapter 2 – Design Process

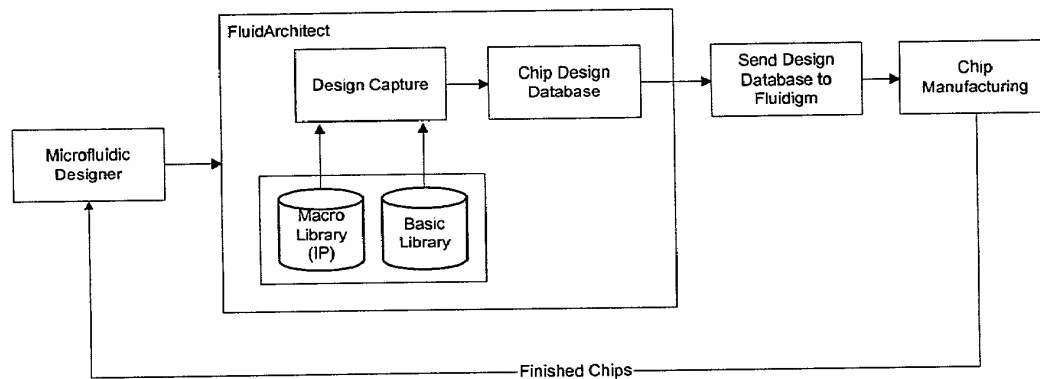


Figure 3 – Microfluidic Chip Design Process with FluidArchitect

Design Flow Process

The design process for designing and building a microfluidic chip is described in Figure 1. Application specific microfluidic chips can be created using the library components provided by Fluidigm. FluidArchitect allows you to capture your design in a simple drag and drop, point and click design environment. Once the design has been completed it is sent to Fluidigm for fabrication. Fabricated devices are sent back to the microfluidic designer for use.

Application Interface

FluidArchitect's interface contains the entire environment in which a design will be started and completed for submission to Fluidigm for fabrication.

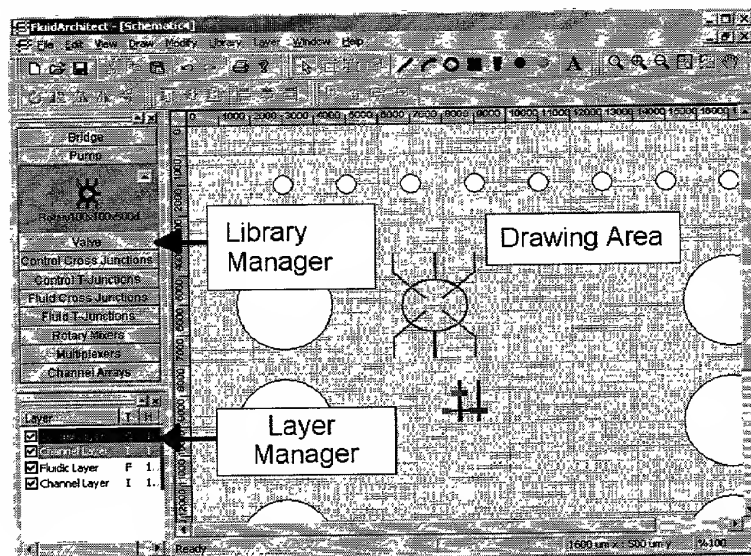


Figure 4 – FluidArchitect's User Interface

The user interface has three primary components: *Library Manager*, *Layer Manager*, and *Drawing Area* (see Figure 4).

Library Manager

The component libraries come predefined and are installed with the FluidArchitect application. The library components are tested and approved for use in the microfluidic chip making process. These libraries will be updated with new components as they are approved from Fluidigm for use. The component library will be delivered as part of a new release or



Once the design has been completed and verified free of errors it can be submitted to Fluidigm for fabrication. The design database can be found in the directory that the design was created in. The file extension of the design database is *.mdx. This file can be sent to manufacturing@fluidigm.com along with your contact information. A representative from Fluidigm will contact you regarding the details of your order for fabrication.

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Chapter 3 – Design Editor Reference

Introduction

The goal of the design editor is to help you design effectively and as efficiently as possible. The libraries that are built into FluidArchitect represent microfluidic structures that are approved for implementation in Fluidigm's processes. "Channel" drawing tools are provided to connect the microfluidic structures available from the libraries. The sections below will describe the design editor in detail.

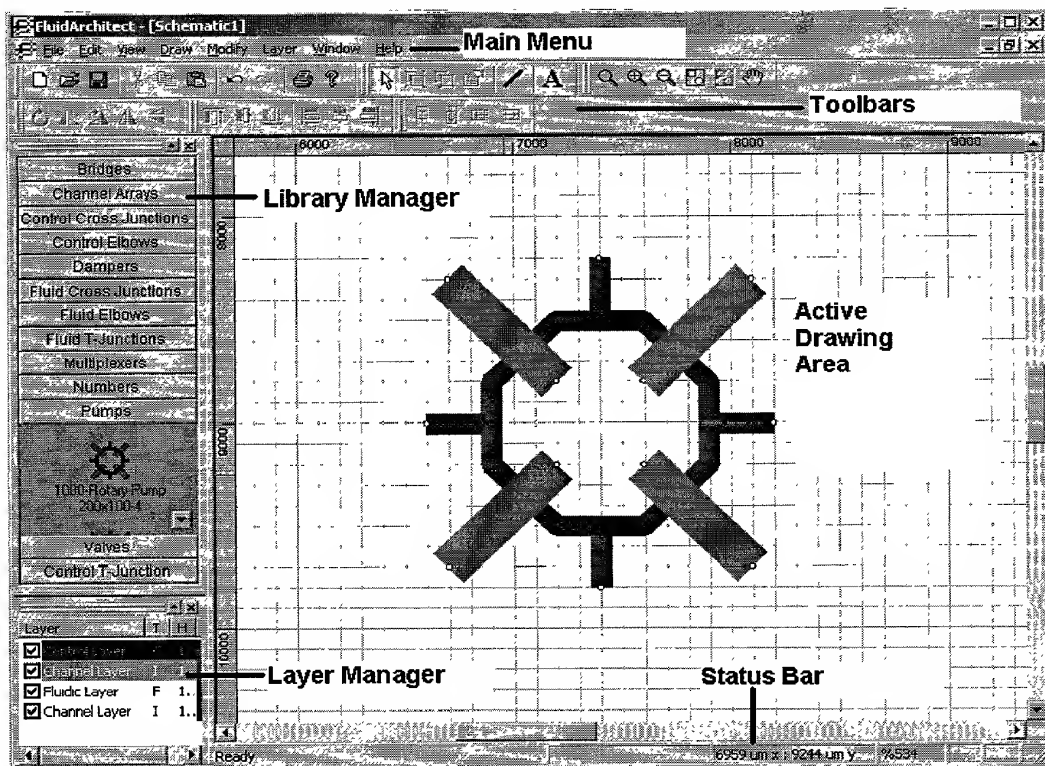


Figure 5 – FluidArchitect Main User Interface (Main Menu, Toolbars, Library Manager, Layer Manager, and Active Drawing Area)

Menus

Main Menu

The main menu is composed of nine menu groups which group related operations and commands for the application.



Figure 6 – Main Menu Bar

File Menu

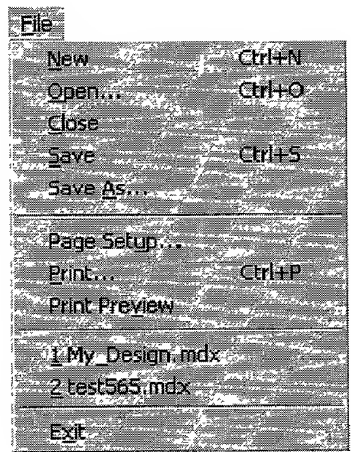


Figure 7 – File Menu Commands

File > New

The *New* command starts the Design Wizard which will automatically set up the design project. (see Creating a Design for more details on the Design Wizard).

File > Open...

The *Open* command opens an existing design which has been saved.

File > Close

The *Close* command closes the active design project in the application. Closing a design project will safely close and exit the application. If any changes were made to the active design, you will be asked whether or not you want to continue to close the design.

File > Save

The *Save* command saves the active design project in the application. Saving the design will save the design project and close the project.

File > Save As...

The *Save As...* command saves the active design project in the application. This command allows you to save the design project under a different name or directory location other than the current location where the file is saved.

File > Page Setup

The *Page Setup* command allows you to set the print options for the active design project.

File > Print

The *Print* command will print the active design project and scale the design to fit the selected Paper size for the Printer.

File > Print Preview

The *Print Preview* command will preview a print of the active design project to the screen.



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The *Components* command will bring up the Components dialog box. The dialog box, Figure 5, will show all of the components that are currently placed into the active drawing area.



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Additional commands available from this dialog box are:

- *OK* – Closes the dialog box
- *Go To* – Not currently implemented
- *Properties* – Opens the Properties dialog sheet for the component
- *Delete* – Not currently implemented

Edit > Default Properties

The *Default Properties* command will bring up the Properties dialog box for the entire design. The dialog box, Figure 6, will show all of the default settings for the design

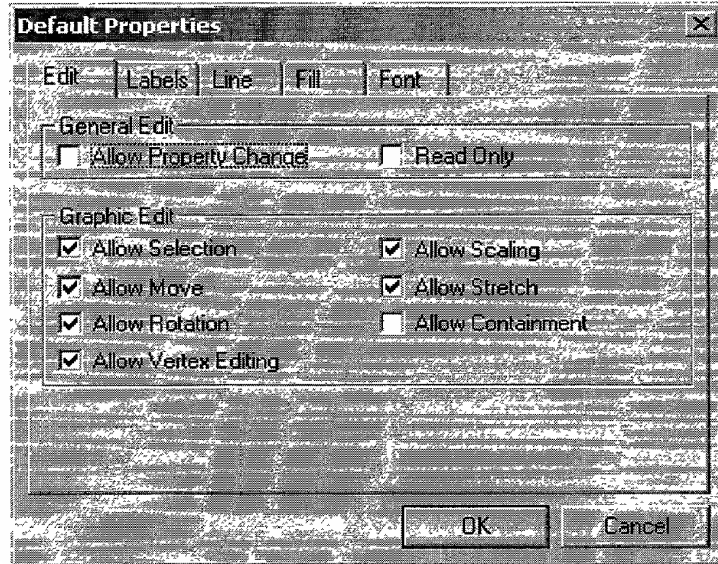


Figure 10 – Default Properties Dialog Box

- *OK* – Closes the dialog box and save any changes
- *Cancel* – Closes the dialog box and discards changes
- *Edit tab* – Not currently implemented
- *Labels* – Sets the label orientation for components
- *Line* – Not currently implemented
- *Fill* – Not currently implemented
- *Font* – Sets the fonts options for the labels

View Menu

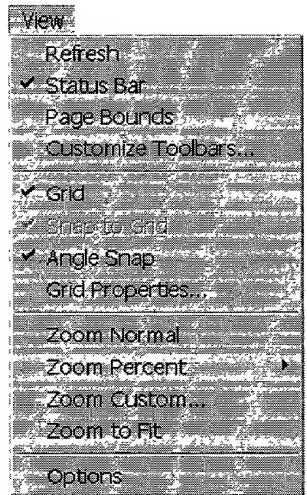


Figure 11 – View Menu Commands

View > Refresh

The *Refresh* command will redraw the active drawing area. Sometimes the drawing area may not refresh completely during editing of the design leaving screen artifacts. The *Refresh* command can be used to redraw the screen to eliminate the artifacts. Note that the artifacts will not be saved into the design.

View > Status Bar

The *Status Bar* command can be used to display or remove the status bar in the lower right corner of the application. The Status Bar, Figure 12, shows the selected component, the screen location of the cursor, and the percent zoomed.

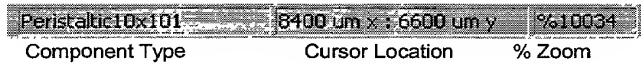


Figure 12 – Status Bar

View > Page Bounds

The *Page Bounds* not currently implemented.

View > Customize Toolbars...

The *Customize Toolbars...* allow you to show or hide the toolbar tool bars in the application window directly under the Main Menu bar. Figure 13 shows the dialog box that appears when this command is selected. All of the toolbars, including the Main Menu bar, can be displayed or hidden based on settings made through this dialog box with the Toolbars tab selected.



The toolbars can be customized by dragging and dropping commands icons from the dialog box directly into the existing toolbars present in the application. Figure 14 shows the “Buttons” or commands that can be left click and dragged to the toolbars.

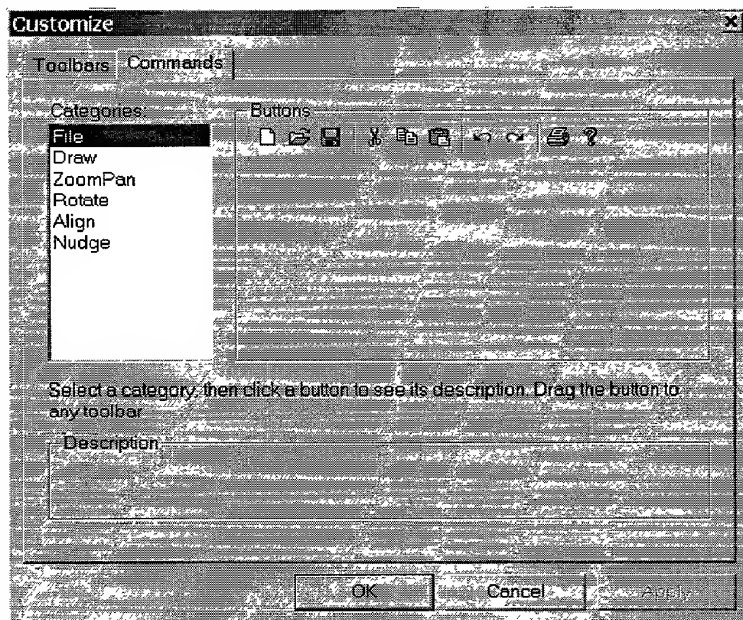


Figure 14 – Customized Toolbars Dialog Box with Commands tab selected

View > Grid

The *Grid* command enables or disables the grid to be displayed in the active drawing area.



View > Grid Properties...

The *Grid Properties...* command will bring up the dialog box, Figure 15. The Grid dialog box allows you to set the grid color and the intervals at which the grid is rendered and also to enable or disable the grid from the drawing area.

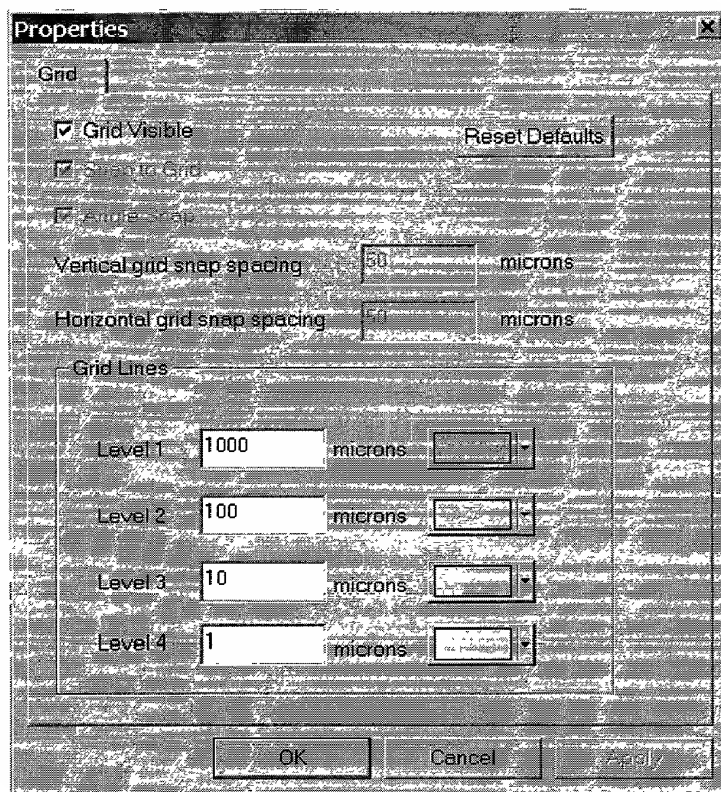


Figure 15 – Grid Properties Dialog Box

View > Zoom Normal

The *Zoom Normal* command will zoom the view of the active drawing area to view the entire chip.

View > Zoom Percent

The *Zoom Percent* command allows you to select 50%, 75%, 100%, and 200% zoom of the active drawing area.

View > Zoom Custom...

The *Zoom Custom...* command allows you to select 50%, 75%, 100%, and 200% from the drop down box and you can also enter in your own zoom factor of the active drawing area.

View > Zoom Fit

The *Zoom Fit* command will zoom the view of the active drawing area to view the entire chip.

View > Options

The *Options* command will bring up the *Grid* and *Library* dialog box, Figure 16. The Grid properties are the same as those in the *View > Grid Properties...*

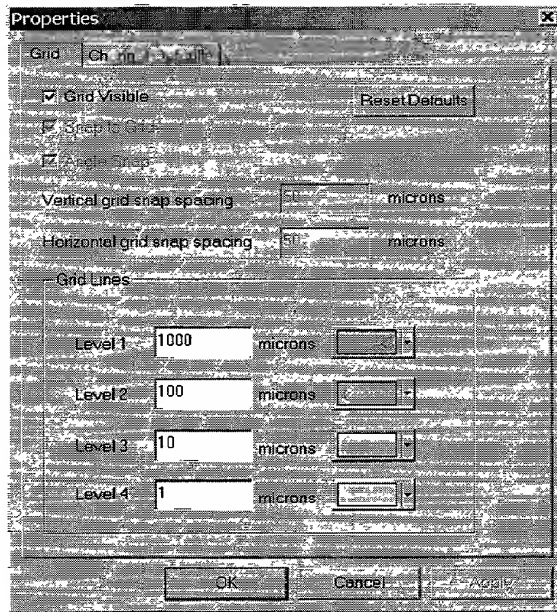


Figure 16 – Grid and Channel Defaults Dialog Box

The Channel Defaults allow you to set the default channel widths for the fluidic and the control layer channels that are drawn to interconnect the library components. Figure 17 shows the dialog box with the Channel Defaults tab selected.

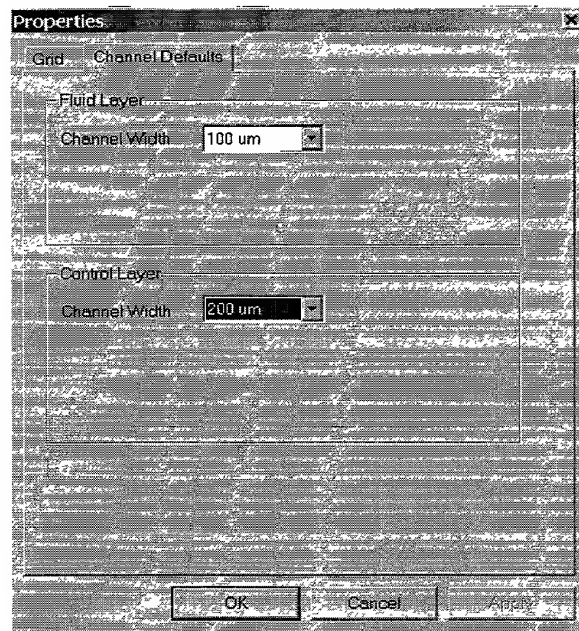


Figure 17 – Channel Defaults Selection Dialog Box

The drop down boxes allow you to set the default width of the channel that you draw on both the fluidic and control layer. Keep in mind that any drawn channel's width can be changed using the Property sheet for each channel.

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Figure 18 – Draw Dialog Box

Draw > Channel

The *Channel* command places the mode of the active drawing area into drawing channels. A drawn channel will be to the layer that is currently “Active”. A layer can be set active in two methods: enabling the layer to be active through the *Library Manager*, Figure 12, or through a right mouse click while in the active drawing area with the *Select* tool selected. Select the *Layers* command to set the desired layer, Figure 19.

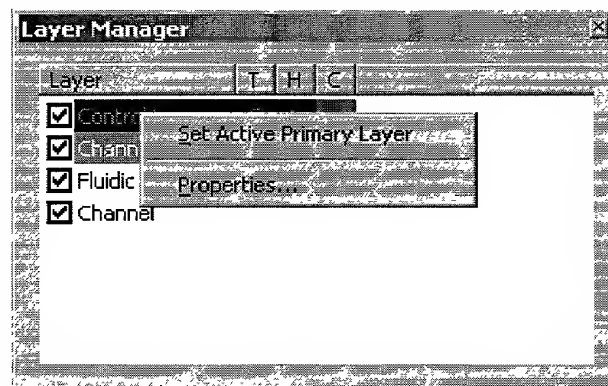


Figure 19 – Library Manager Window

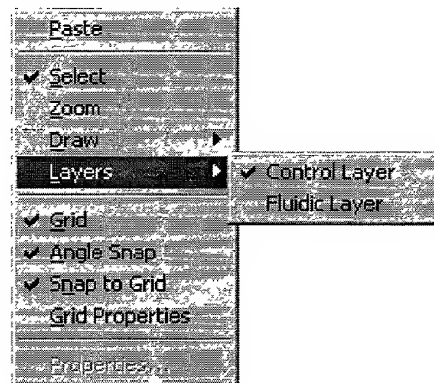


Figure 20 – Right Click Pop Up Menu in Drawing Area

Modify Menu

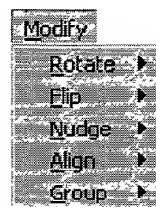
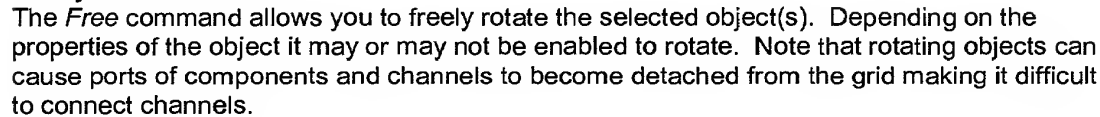


Figure 21 – Modify Menu Commands

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Modify > Rotate > Free



Modify > Rotate > Right

Modify > Rotate > Left

Modify > Flip



Modify > Flip > Horizontal

Modify > Flip > Vertical

Modify > Nudge

The screenshot shows a 'Modify' menu with the following options: Rotate, Flip, Nudge (highlighted), Align, and Group. A sub-menu for 'Nudge' is open, displaying 'Down', 'Up', 'Left', and 'Right'.

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Modify > Nudge > Down

The **Down** command allows you to move the selected object(s) down one micron in the active drawing area. Holding the Shift key while executing this command will move the object 5 microns.

Modify > Nudge > Up

The *Up* command allows you to move the selected object(s) up one micron in the active drawing area. Holding the Shift key while executing this command will move the object 5 microns.

Modify > Nudge > Left

The **Left** command allows you to move the selected object(s) left one micron in the active drawing area. Holding the Shift key while executing this command will move the object 5 microns.

Modify > Nudge > Right

The **Right** command allows you to move the selected object(s) right one micron in the active drawing area. Holding the Shift key while executing this command will move the object 5 microns.

Modify > Align

The *Align* command contains a submenu of commands, Figure 25, which can be performed on a selected object(s) in the active drawing area.

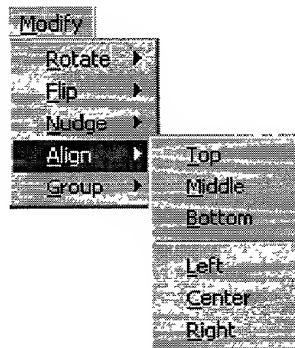


Figure 25 – Align Submenu Commands

Modify > Align > Top

The **Top** command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have the top of the objects aligned together.

Modify > Align > Middle

The *Middle* command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to horizontal middle.

Modify > Align > Bottom

The *Bottom* command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have the bottom of the objects aligned together.

Modify > Align > Left

The *Left* command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to the left.

Modify > Align > Center

The *Center* command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to vertical center.



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The **Right** command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to the right.

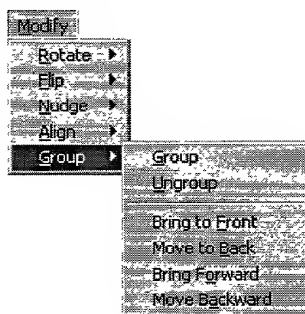


Figure 26 – Group Submenu Commands

Modify > Group

The **Group** command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and group the objects into a single entity or the ability to select a grouped object and ungroup them into their original components.

Modify > Group > Group

The **Group** command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and group the objects into a single entity.

Modify > Group > Ungroup

The *Group* command allows you to select a grouped object in the active drawing area and ungroup the objects back to their stand alone state.

Modify > Group > Bring to Front

Not Currently Implemented

Modify > Group > Move to Back

Not Currently Implemented

Modify > Group > Bring Forward

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Modify > Group > Move Backward

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Layer Menu



Figure 27 – Layer Menu Command

Layer Manager
The *Layer Manager* command brings up the Layer Manager dialog box as shown in Figure 27.

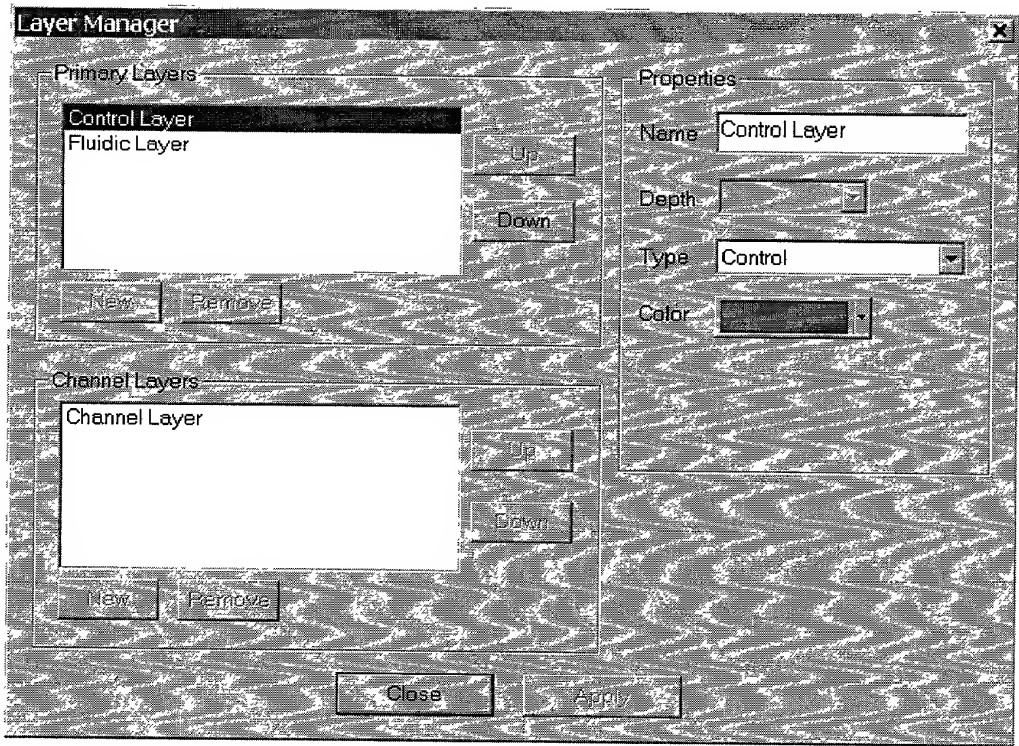


Figure 28 – Layer Manager Dialog

Primary Layers

The *Primary Layers* section of the dialog box shown in Figure 28 shows the total number of layers present in the design. Currently it is not possible to change the *Name* nor the *Depth* of these primary layers. You can change the color of the layers in the *Properties* section of the dialog box once the primary layer is selected. Click on the *Apply* button after any changes are made to save the changes.

Channel Layers

The *Channel Layers* section of the dialog box shown in Figure 28 shows the total number of channel depths available in one primary layer. Currently this is set to one channel depth per primary layer. You can change the name of the channel layer by left clicking on the layer name to select it in the Channel Layers section of the dialog and then entering in a new name in the *Properties* section. Click on the *Apply* button after any changes are made to save the changes. Also note that the channel depth is shown for the layer once it has been selected.

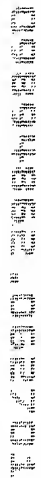
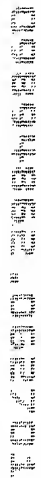
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Table 1. *Continued*

Parameter	Unit	Value	Standard Error	95% CI
Intercept		1.00	0.00	1.00
Age	Years	0.02	0.01	0.01, 0.04
Gender				
Male		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Female		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Marital status				
Married		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Single		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Divorced		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Widowed		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Education	Years	0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Income	\$/yr	0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Health status				
Good		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Fair		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Poor		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Depression				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Alcohol use				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Smoking				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Exercise				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Medication				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Comorbidity				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Healthcare use				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
Healthcare cost				
Yes		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01
No		0.00	0.01	-0.01, 0.01

File Toolbar



Figure 31 – File Toolbar











Toolbar Command	Command
	<i>New</i> – Opening a new design database and starts the Design Wizard to walk you through the setup.
	<i>Open</i> – Opens an existing design database.
	<i>Save</i> – Saves the design database of the active drawing window.
	<i>Cut</i> – Cuts any selected object(s) in the active drawing window and saves it to the system clipboard.
	<i>Copy</i> – Copies any selected object(s) in the active drawing window and saves it to the system clipboard.
	<i>Paste</i> – Pastes a item from the system clipboard into the active drawing window. Note: It is not advisable to paste objects other than those cut or copied from the FluidArchitect application.
	<i>Undo</i> – Undoes the last command performed. Repeated undo can be performed.
	<i>Redo</i> – Redoes the last undo command.
	<i>Print</i> – Prints a scaled copy of the design to the printer. The scaled design will be scaled to best fit the standard size printer page.
	<i>Help</i> – Brings up the “About FluidArchitect” dialog with the release information.

Table 1 – File Toolbar Commands

Drawing Toolbar



Figure 32 – Drawing Toolbar







Toolbar Command	Command
	<i>Select</i> – Opening a new design database and starts the Design Wizard to walk you through the setup.
	<i>Group</i> – Groups selected objects in the active drawing window.
	<i>Ungroup</i> – Ungroups objects that were previously grouped together using the <i>Group</i> command.
	<i>Properties</i> – Displays the properties of a selected component/channel in the active drawing window.
	<i>Draw Channel</i> – Places the mode of the active drawing window in the mode of drawing channels. Once this command is selected the tool remains in this mode until it is unselected through selecting another command. Right clicking twice in the active drawing area will switch the mode of the drawing area back to the <i>Select</i> mode.
	<i>Text</i> – The text tool can be used to place notes in the active drawing window. Note: Text is NOT rendered onto the final output of the chip design.





Figure 32 – Zoom Pan Toolbar







Toolbar Command	Command
	Zoom – This command places the active drawing window in the zoom mode and the cursor becomes a magnifying glass icon. Click and hold the left mouse button and drag to form a rectangle over the area you wish to zoom into.
	Zoom in 25% – This command zooms in the active drawing area in by 25%.
	Zoom out 25 – This command zooms out the active drawing area by 25%.
	Zoom to Fit – This command zooms the active drawing area to fit the entire chip to the display area.
	Zoom to Selection – This command zooms the active drawing area to fit the selected objects to the display area.
	Pan – This command places the active drawing window in the pan mode and the cursor becomes a hand icon. Click and hold the left mouse button to pan the active drawing area in the direction desired.

Table 3 – Zoom Pan Toolbar Commands

Rotate Toolbar



Figure 33 – Rotate Toolbar












Toolbar Command	Command
	<i>Rotate</i> – The command is used to freely rotate a selected object in the active drawing area. Note: This command should be used carefully as freely rotating objects can cause the connecting point/ports to become “off-grid” making it impossible to connect other components and channels to it.
	<i>Rotate Left</i> – This command rotates a selected object in the active drawing area 90 degrees counter clockwise.
	<i>Rotate Right</i> – This command rotates a selected object in the active drawing area 90 degrees clockwise.
	<i>Flip Vertical</i> – This command flips a selected object in the active drawing about its vertical center axis.
	<i>Flip Horizontal</i> – This command flips a selected object in the active drawing about its horizontal center axis.

Table 4 – Rotate Toolbar Commands

Align Toolbar



Figure 34 – Align Toolbar

Toolbar Command	Command
	<i>Align Top</i> – The <i>Top</i> command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have the top of the objects aligned together.
	<i>Align Middle</i> – The <i>Middle</i> command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to horizontal middle.
	<i>Align Bottom</i> – The <i>Bottom</i> command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have the bottom of the objects aligned together.
	<i>Align Left</i> – The <i>Left</i> command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to the left.
	<i>Align Center</i> – The <i>Center</i> command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to vertical center.
	<i>Align Right</i> – The <i>Right</i> command allows you to select a group of objects in the active drawing area and have all of the objects aligned to the right.

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Use of the Library Manager is simple and straightforward. To select the library desired, simply left click on the title of the library and the components will be displayed. If more than one component is present in the library use the up or down button to scroll through them.

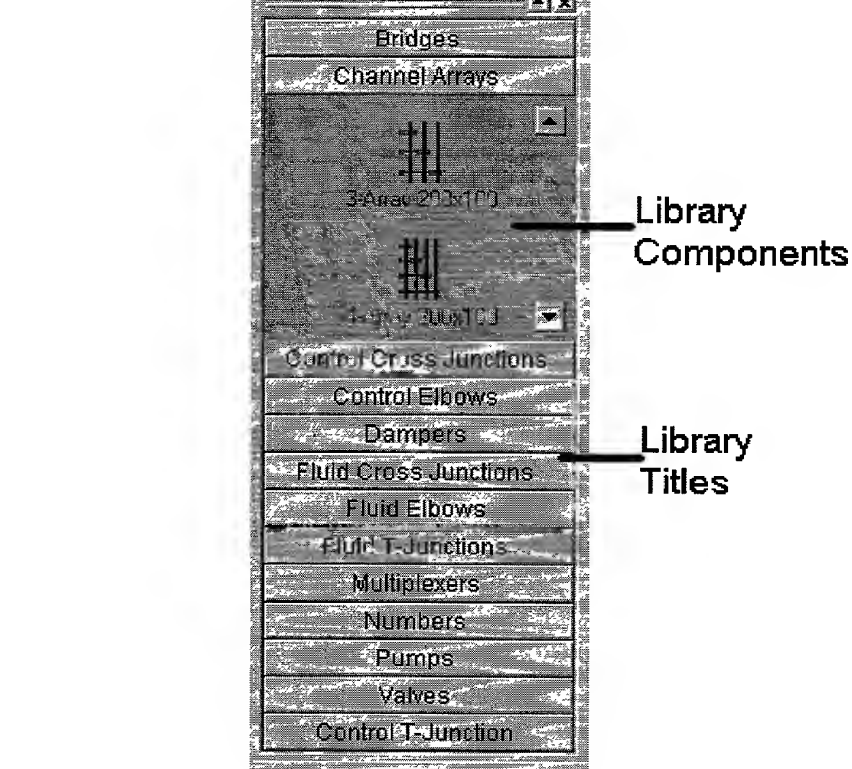


Figure 36 - Library Manager Window

Please refer to the **Fluidigm Databook** for a list of available library components along with their description and specifications.

Library Component Characteristics

A library component is typically composed of channels. Some components have channels only on one layer while some have channels on both layers. Figure 37 shows a microfluidic valve from the Valves library.

Figure 1 is a schematic representation of the experimental design. It shows a flow from 'Experimental design' to 'Data collection' and 'Data analysis'. 'Data collection' is further divided into 'Data collection 1' and 'Data collection 2'. 'Data analysis' is divided into 'Data analysis 1' and 'Data analysis 2'. The flow is indicated by arrows.

Figure 38 shows the Layer Manager window and the highlights the information available from the Layer Manager window.

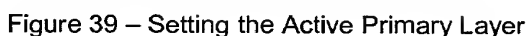


Layer Color

Setting the Active Primary Layer

Setting the layer to be active enables the following:

- Drawing of channels onto that layer.
- Selecting channels or components that are on that layer and performing actions on those selected.
- Changing the color of the layer. Any new color selected will replace the existing color for all components and channels in that layer.



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Rulers and Grid

The lower right hand corner represents the (20000, 20000) position. These position numbers also translate into real measures as they are represented in microns. The grid color and the interval of grid lines can be changed using the *Grid Properties* command from the *View* menu.



The active drawing area has right click pop up menus based on the function that is currently selected. There are two different pop up menus, one for the Select tool and the other for a selected component.



Select tool () enabled Pop Up Menu

commands available. The function descriptions can be found in the Main Menu or Toolbar commands with the exception of the *Properties...* command

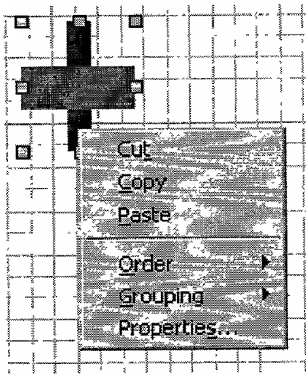


Figure 43 – Selected Component Pop Up Menu

Figure 44 shows a channel selected and the pop up menu with its available commands. Notice here the addition of the *Channel Widths* command. The Channel Widths command allows quick modifications of the drawn channels so that matching to connected components or channels is easily facilitated. Figure X shows an example where a channel drawn at 50 μm needs to be connected to a pump control element that is 200 μm in width.

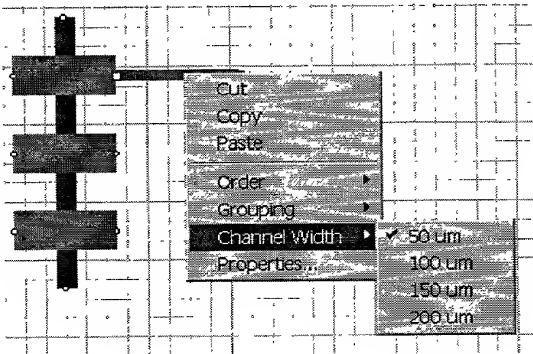


Figure 44 – Selected Channel Pop Up Menu

Status Bar

The Status Bar has two modes. One mode is when the drawing area is in the *Select* mode and the other is in the channel drawing mode.

Select Mode

In the *Select* mode the status bar contains the following information:

- Left Status Box: Component Name
- Center Status Box: Absolute Cursor Location (in microns)
- Right Status Box: Percentage Zoomed In

Figure 45 shows the Status Bar while in the select mode.

Table 1. <i>Continued</i>	
Variable	Mean
Age (years)	34.5
Gender	
Male	50.0
Female	50.0
Marital status	
Married	50.0
Single	50.0
Divorced	0.0
Widowed	0.0
Education (years)	12.5
Income (US\$)	15,000
Health status	
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	0.0
Smoking status	
Smoker	50.0
Non-smoker	50.0
Alcohol consumption	
Drinker	50.0
Non-drinker	50.0
Exercise frequency	
Regular	50.0
Irregular	50.0
None	0.0
Stress level	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Life satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Overall health	
Excellent	0.0
Very good	0.0
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	0.0

Table 1. <i>Continued</i>	
Variable	Mean
Age (years)	34.5
Gender	
Male	50.0
Female	50.0
Marital status	
Married	50.0
Single	50.0
Divorced	0.0
Widowed	0.0
Education (years)	12.5
Income (USD)	15,000
Health status	
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	0.0
Smoking status	
Smoker	50.0
Non-smoker	50.0
Alcohol consumption	
Drinker	50.0
Non-drinker	50.0
Exercise frequency	
Regular	50.0
Irregular	50.0
None	0.0
Stress level	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Life satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Work satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Job tenure (years)	5.0
Organizational commitment	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Turnover intention	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Organizational citizenship behavior	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Work engagement	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Job burnout	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Work-life balance	
Good	50.0
Poor	50.0
Overall health	
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	0.0
Life expectancy	75.0
Quality of life	70.0
Healthcare utilization	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Health insurance	
Yes	50.0
No	50.0
Healthcare costs	10,000
Healthcare access	
Good	50.0
Poor	50.0
Healthcare quality	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Healthcare satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Healthcare utilization frequency	2.0
Healthcare access frequency	1.0
Healthcare quality frequency	1.0
Healthcare satisfaction frequency	1.0
Healthcare utilization cost	5,000
Healthcare access cost	2,000
Healthcare quality cost	1,000
Healthcare satisfaction cost	1,000
Healthcare utilization benefit	10,000
Healthcare access benefit	5,000
Healthcare quality benefit	2,000
Healthcare satisfaction benefit	2,000
Healthcare utilization impact	10,000
Healthcare access impact	5,000
Healthcare quality impact	2,000
Healthcare satisfaction impact	2,000
Healthcare utilization effect	10,000
Healthcare access effect	5,000
Healthcare quality effect	2,000
Healthcare satisfaction effect	2,000
Healthcare utilization outcome	10,000
Healthcare access outcome	5,000
Healthcare quality outcome	2,000
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Healthcare quality result size	2,000
Healthcare satisfaction result size	2,000
Healthcare utilization consequence size	10,000
Healthcare access consequence size	5,000
Healthcare quality consequence size	2,000
Healthcare satisfaction	

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Age (years)	34.5
Gender	
Male	50.0
Female	50.0
Marital status	
Married	50.0
Single	50.0
Divorced	50.0
Widowed	50.0
Education	
High school	50.0
College	50.0
Postgraduate	50.0
Occupation	
Managerial	50.0
Professional	50.0
Technical	50.0
Service	50.0
Unemployed	50.0
Income (USD/month)	
< 100	50.0
100-200	50.0
200-300	50.0
300-400	50.0
400-500	50.0
500-600	50.0
600-700	50.0
700-800	50.0
800-900	50.0
900-1000	50.0
> 1000	50.0
Health status	
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	50.0
Very poor	50.0
Life satisfaction	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Stress	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Depression	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Loneliness	
High	50.0
Low	50.0
Quality of life	
High	50.0
Low	50.0

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| Variable | Mean |
| Age (years) | 34.5 |
| Gender | |
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| Education | |
| High school | 50.0 |
| College | 50.0 |
| Postgraduate | 50.0 |
| Occupation | |
| Managerial | 50.0 |
| Professional | 50.0 |
| Technical | 50.0 |
| Service | 50.0 |
| Unemployed | 50.0 |
| Income (USD/month) | |
| < 1000 | 50.0 |
| 1000-2000 | 50.0 |
| 2000-3000 | 50.0 |
| > 3000 | 50.0 |
| Health status | |
| Good | 50.0 |
| Fair | 50.0 |
| Poor | 50.0 |
| Smoking status | |
| Smoker | 50.0 |
| Non-smoker | 50.0 |
| Alcohol consumption | |
| Regular | 50.0 |
| Occasional | 50.0 |
| Never | 50.0 |
| Exercise frequency | |
| Regular | 50.0 |
| Occasional | 50.0 |
| Never | 50.0 |
| Stress level | |
| High | 50.0 |
| Medium | 50.0 |
| Low | 50.0 |
| Life satisfaction | |
| High | 50.0 |
| Medium | 50.0 |
| Low | 50.0 |
| Work-life balance | |
| Good | 50.0 |
| Fair | 50.0 |
| Poor | 50.0 |
| Overall health | |
| Excellent | 50.0 |
| Very good | 50.0 |
| Good | 50.0 |
| Fair | 50.0 |
| Poor | 50.0 |

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Variable	Mean
Age (years)	34.5
Gender	
Male	50.0
Female	50.0
Marital status	
Married	50.0
Single	50.0
Divorced	50.0
Widowed	50.0
Education (years)	12.5
Income (USD)	15,000
Health status	
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	50.0
Smoking status	
Smoker	50.0
Non-smoker	50.0
Alcohol consumption	
Drinker	50.0
Non-drinker	50.0
Exercise frequency	
Regular	50.0
Irregular	50.0
None	50.0
Stress level	
High	50.0
Medium	50.0
Low	50.0
Sleep quality	
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	50.0
Dietary habits	
Healthy	50.0
Unhealthy	50.0
Medication use	
Yes	50.0
No	50.0
Family size	3.5
Work hours (hours/week)	40.0
Commuting time (minutes)	30.0
Household chores (hours/week)	10.0
Childcare (hours/week)	5.0
Elder care (hours/week)	2.0
Volunteering (hours/week)	1.0
Religious participation (times/month)	1.0
Political participation (times/month)	0.5
Community involvement (times/month)	0.5
Neighborhood satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
City satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Country satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Life satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Overall health rating	
Excellent	50.0
Very good	50.0
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	50.0
Very poor	50.0
Worst	50.0

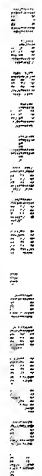


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Variable	Mean
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Gender	
Male	50.0
Female	50.0
Marital status	
Married	50.0
Single	50.0
Education (years)	12.5
Income (USD/month)	1,200.0
Occupation	
Professional	50.0
Managerial	50.0
Technical	50.0
Service	50.0
Unemployed	50.0
Health status	
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	50.0
Smoking status	
Smoker	50.0
Nonsmoker	50.0
Alcohol consumption	
Regular	50.0
Occasional	50.0
Never	50.0
Exercise frequency	
Daily	50.0
Weekly	50.0
Monthly	50.0
Never	50.0
Stress level	
High	50.0
Medium	50.0
Low	50.0
Life satisfaction	
Satisfied	50.0
Dissatisfied	50.0
Overall health	
Excellent	50.0
Very good	50.0
Good	50.0
Fair	50.0
Poor	50.0

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FluidArchitect was built with many design rules that are implemented directly into the various parts of the design system. As such, FluidArchitect applies those design rules to your design as you are placing and connecting the components from the libraries in the drawing area. The following are general rules to keep in mind and will help lead to a successful design implementation.

- ## Design Wizard

- **Design Directory**
The design database will be kept into the directory that you specify in this wizard screen, see Figure 48. You can change the final directory using the Save or Save As... command under the *File* menu.

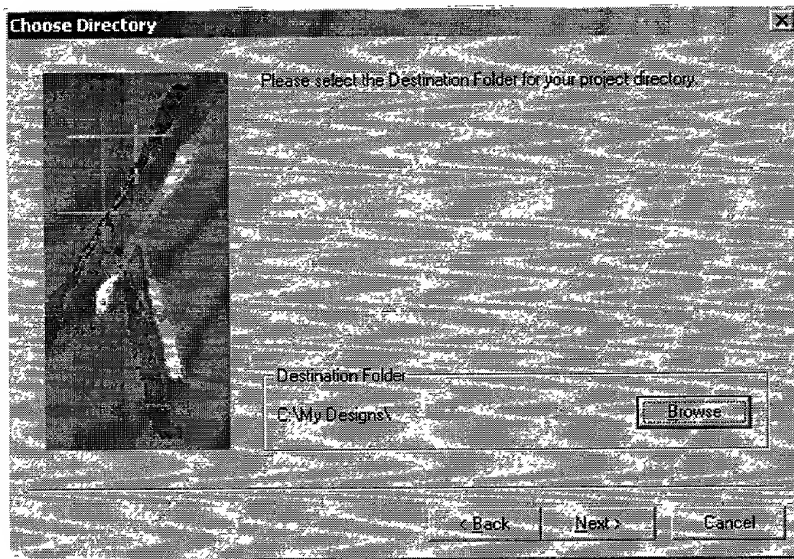


Figure 48 – Design Directory Selection Wizard Screen

- **Chip Template Selection**

The appropriate chip template can be selected from this wizard screen, see Figure 49. As you click the *< Previous* and *Next >* buttons a thumbnail of the template will appear. Notice that the solid black circles represent where inputs and outputs will be placed and the number of each particular input and output size is shown to the right of the thumbnails. Currently, once you have selected a template it is not possible to change during your design process

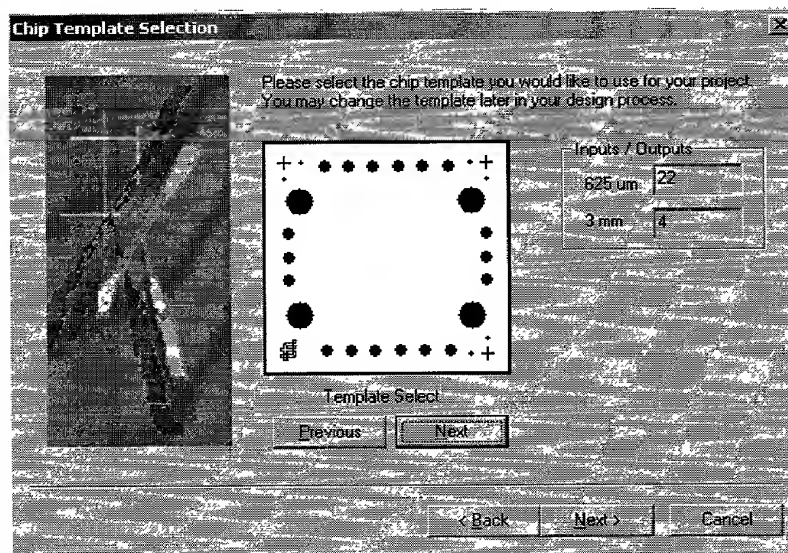


Figure 49 – Chip Template Selection Wizard Screen

- **Layer Selection**

The layer selection screen, Figure 50, shows the number of layers that are available for use. The default is a pair of layers composed of the *Control Layer* and the *Fluidic Layer*. You can choose to deselect the layer by left clicking on the check box next to the layer name and the layer will be removed from the design. Note that after removal of this layer, active components will not be possible.

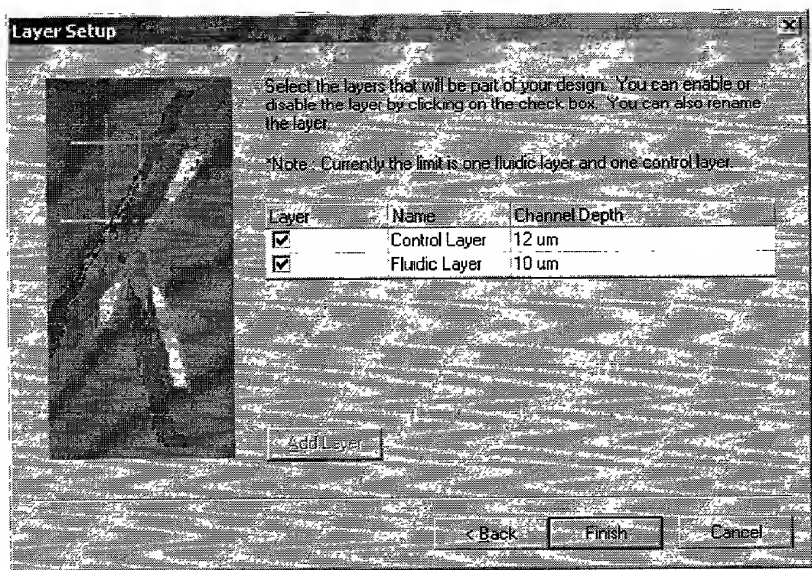


Figure 50 – Layer Selection Wizard Screen

Placing Library Components

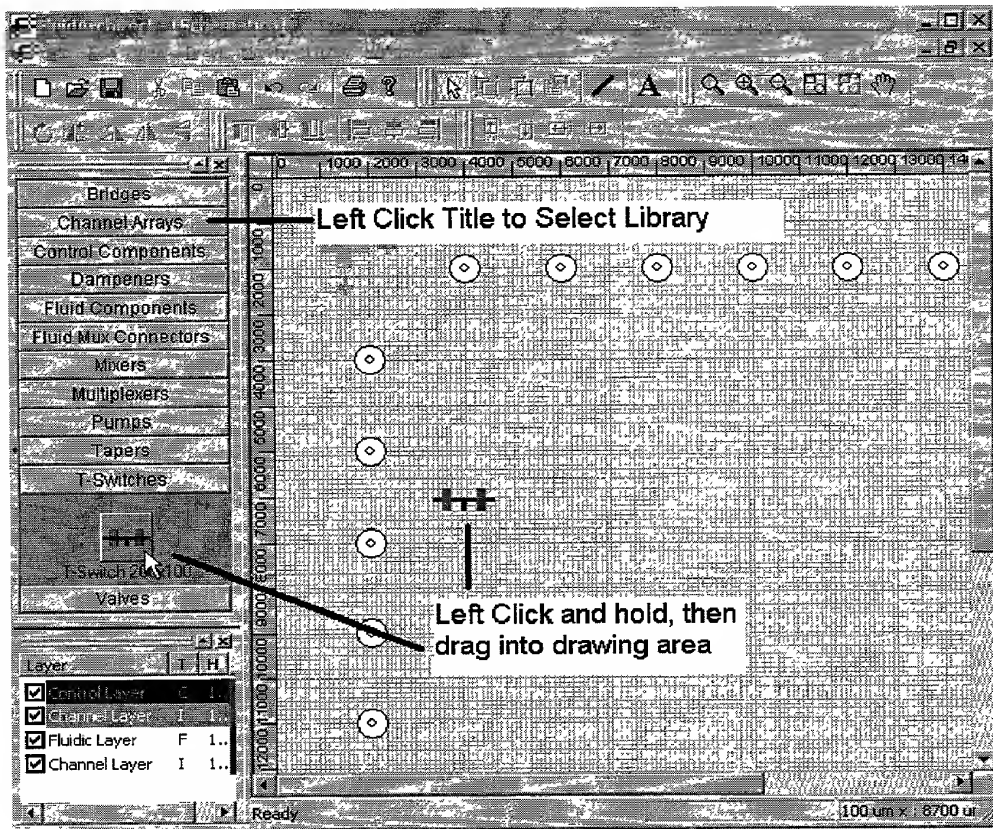


Figure 51 – Placing Components from the Libraries

The library contains a set of components that can be used in your design. Placement of the components accomplished by the following:

- Select the desired library by left clicking the mouse on the title of the library.
- Place the mouse over the desired component in the library window. The component will become selected and outlined.
- Left click and hold the mouse on the selected component and drag the component into the drawing area.
- Position the component where you would like to place it and release the left mouse button. The component will now be placed.

Figure 51 shows the process of placing the component from the library into the drawing area.

Note that the libraries provided are built specifically for use with our fabrication process. The components cannot be modified in any of its absolute dimensions. You only have control in its placement and its rotational position. If the component is rotated it should only be rotated in increments of ± 90 degrees. Rotating using the free rotation tool can cause the component to become off grid and thus prevent it from being connected to other components or channels.

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After you have successfully dragged and dropped components onto the drawing area, the next step will be to connect the ports of the components with channels. Figure 52 shows the ports of a typical component.

- Ports are shown on components as black outlined white circles.
- Ports once successfully connected they appear as black filled circles. See Figure 53.
- Zooming in can help identify the ports on components and channels.

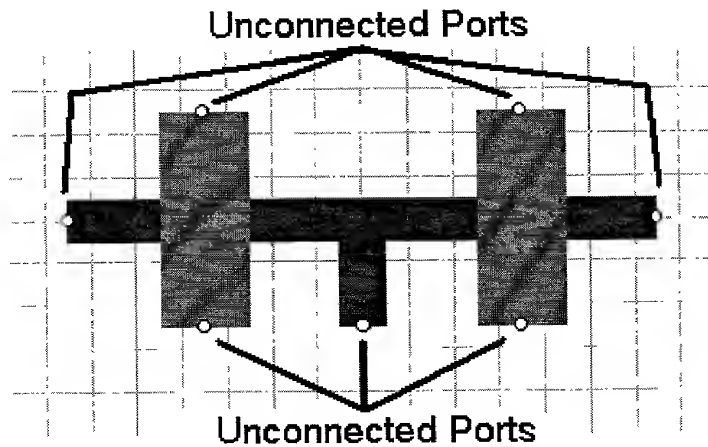


Figure 52 – Ports of a Component

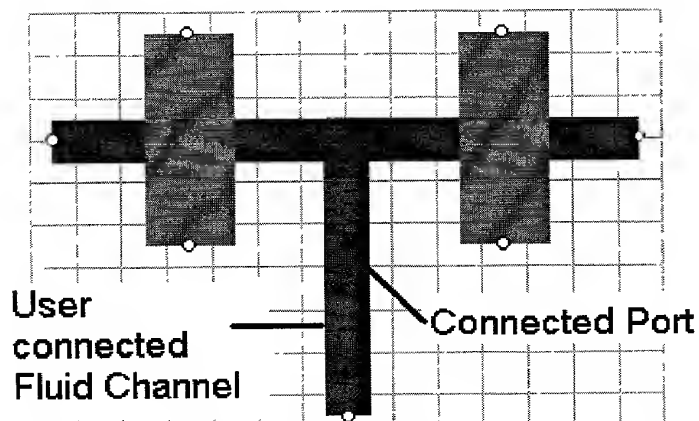


Figure 53 – Fluidic Channel Connect to a Component

Drawing Channels

Drawing channels to connect to other channels and components can be accomplished using the Draw Channel tool. Components are built up using channels in specific placement and physical dimensions. Thus, drawing channels to connect to components is the same as connecting to other drawn channels. The following are guidelines to keep in mind while drawing channels to make connections:



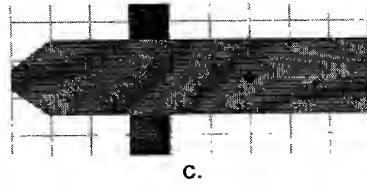


Figure 54.a Channel Port Not Detected, b. Channel Port Detected, c. Channel Connected to Port

Input and Output Ports

The input and output ports, more commonly referred to as “I/O’s”, are the large circular figures on the template of the chip. Typically the I/O’s are found near the perimeter of the chip. The I/O’s are predetermined based on the template chosen in the Design Wizard.

I/O Ports are used to accomplish the following:

- Provide connections to fluid and material input and output from the chip.
- Provide connections to the control channels to input control signals such as air pressure.

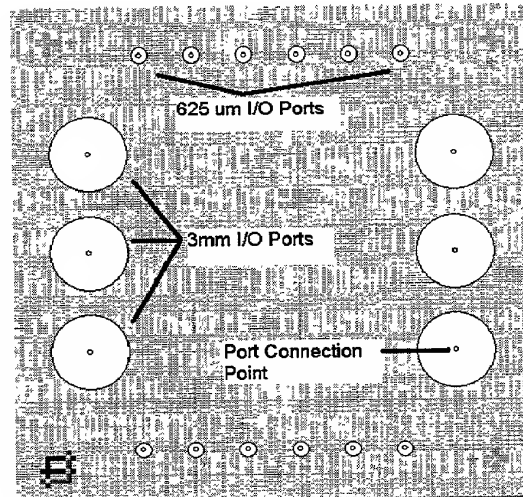


Figure 55 – Chip Template with 6 – 3mm and 12 – 625um I/O Ports

Figure 55 also shows a typical chip template with a preset I/O configuration. The connection point for each of the ports is illustrated in the figure as well. The connection point is the smaller concentric circle that is inside of the port. Connecting a channel to a port can be accomplished by drawing a channel from a channel and when the target tool is engaged over the port, double left clicking the mouse will attach the to the I/O. Once successfully connected to the I/O, the I/O will turn blue and the inner circle will become a filled black circle. Figure 56 shows a connected I/O.



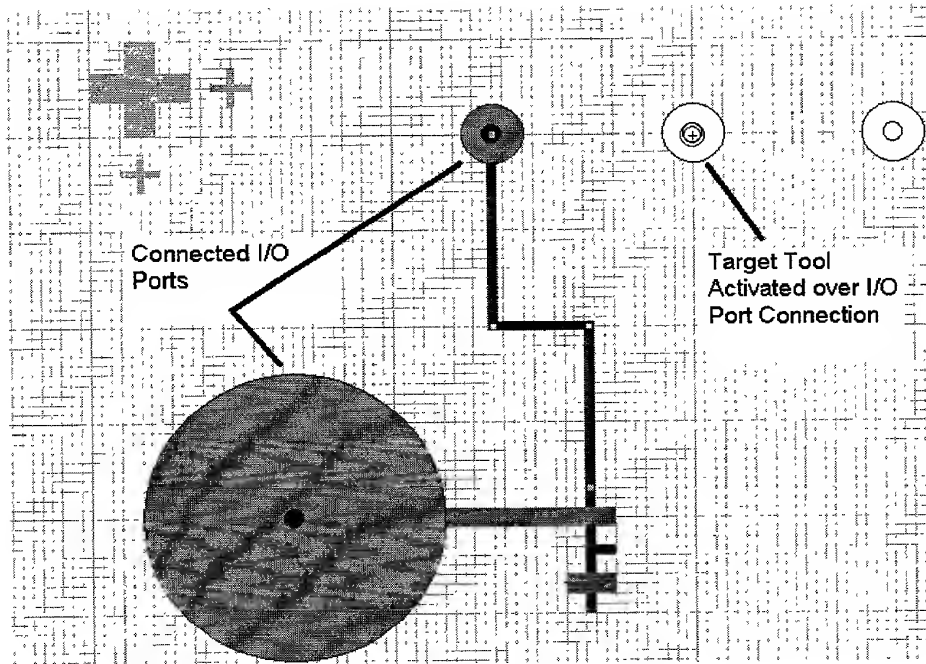


Figure 56 – Connected and Unconnected I/O Ports

Channel Properties

Components and channels can be assigned user defined names by accessing the Properties sheet for the component or channel. Channel Properties can be used to accomplish the following:

- Change Channel Instance Names
- Change Channel Widths (Fluidic and Control)
- List the connections to other components or channels

Figure 57 shows the channel dialog box for a selected control channel. You can change the width to any value in the drop down box as well as assign a new name to the channel. The channel is not currently connected to any other channel or component so the *Connections* list is empty.

Component Properties

Figure 58 shows a selected T-Switch that was placed from the library. To bring up the Properties dialog box do the following:

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- The Component Properties dialog box will appear. In this case, this component has been named “My_T-switch”. Figure 59 shows that type of component as well as two other tabs that contains placement information regarding the component.

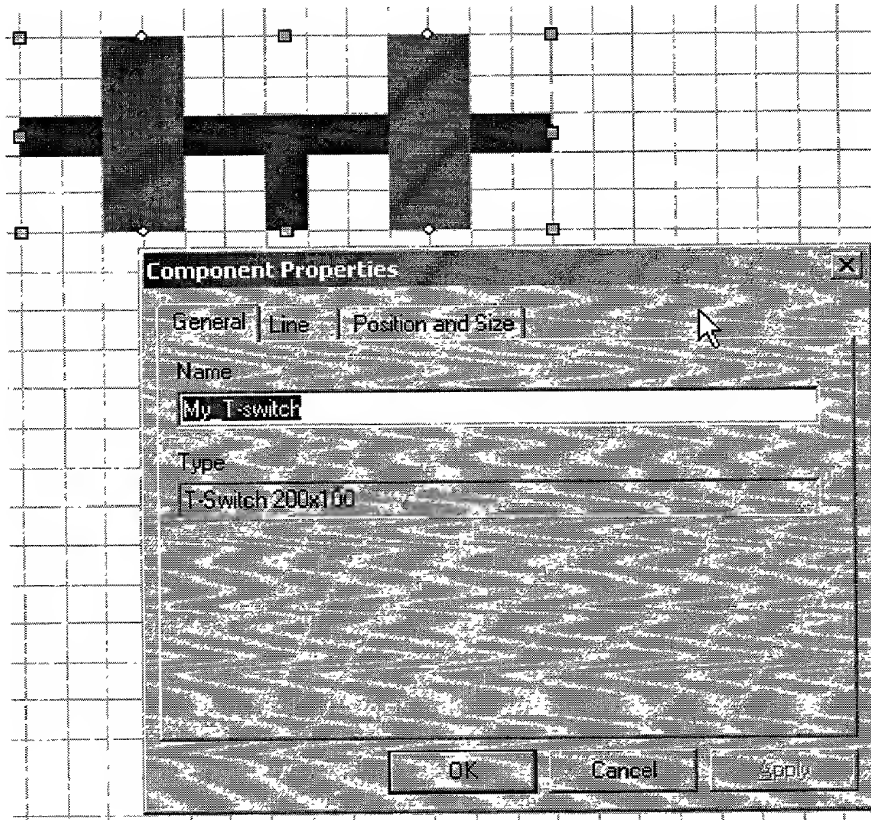


Figure 59 – Component Instance Property Dialog Box

Design Example

In the following design example a simple cell sorter, shown in Figure 60, is created using FluidArchitect. The pump drives into a T-Switch. The T-Switch is used to drive the fluid/material flow into one of two ports based on the detection region feedback to a system, which monitors and controls the flow. The design will illustrate the methods and procedures used to create the design in FluidArchitect.

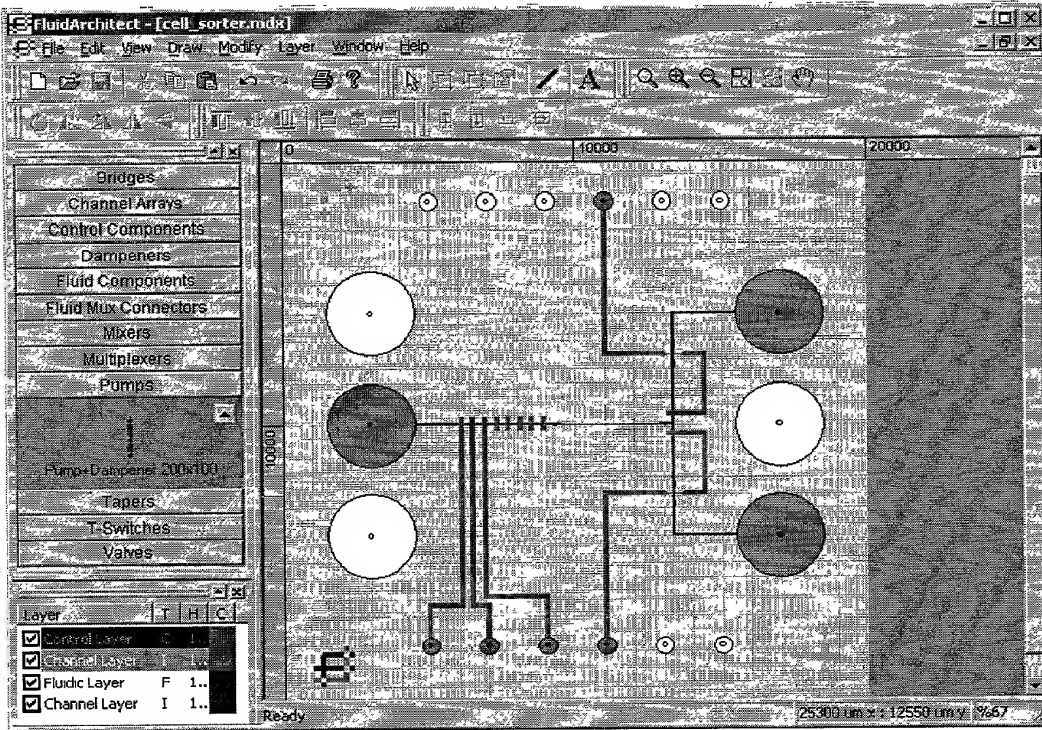


Figure 60 – Completed Design of the Simple Cell Sorter

Components Required

The components required to construct the simple cell sorter are:

- 1 - Peristaltic Pump
- 1 - T-Sorter
- 2 – 30 um–100 um Fluidic Tapers
- 2 – Bridges
- 3 – 3 mm I/O Ports
- 5 – 625 um I/O Ports

Basic Operation of the Design

Figure 61 shows the pump, T-Sorter, and the bridges connected in the drawing area. There are many ways to connect the components together and if the design rules are not violated the design will be valid.

Figure 61 also points out a “Detection Region”. This region can be used by an optical detection system to control the direction of the flow through the T-Sorter. The detection region is not a component from the library but rather a user drawn 30 um fluidic channel connecting fluidic taper components forming the region.

Cells are pumped through the channel from the 3mm input port on the left side of the chip using the three control valves and five damping elements that constitutes the pump. An

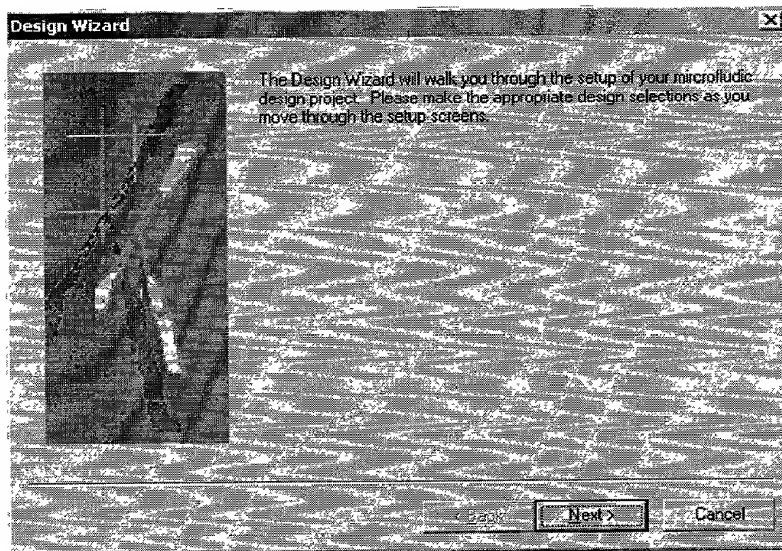


Figure 62 – First Design Wizard Screen

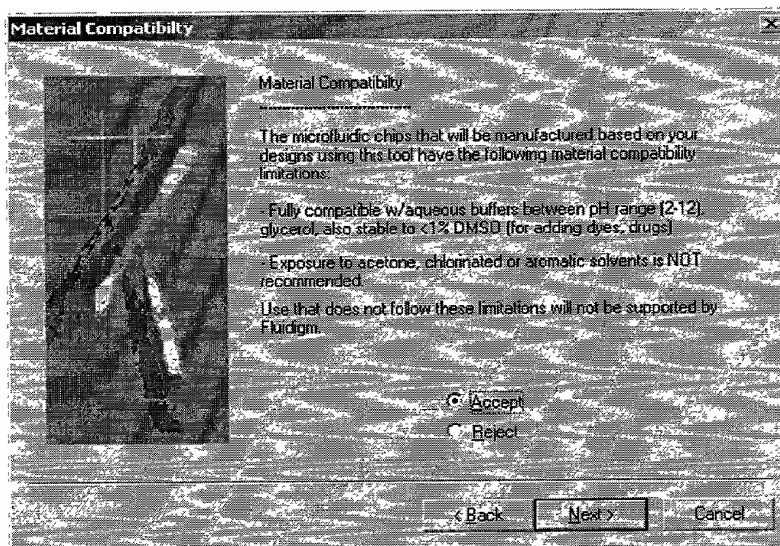


Figure 63 – Material Compatibility Design Wizard Screen

The material compatibility screen warns you to the materials that can and cannot be used with the microfluidic chips that are designed with the FluidArchitect system and fabricated by Fluidigm. Selecting “Accept” will allow you move forward with the design setup. If your needs are not met and you “Reject” the Design Wizard will not go forward. Please contact the factory for more details regarding your special needs.

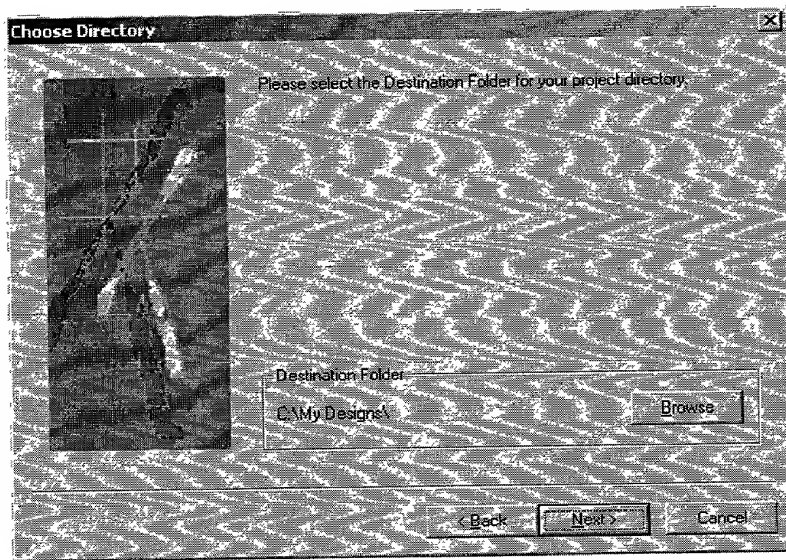


Figure 64 – Project Directory Selection

The Project Directory selection screen simply selects the directory where your design database will be stored.

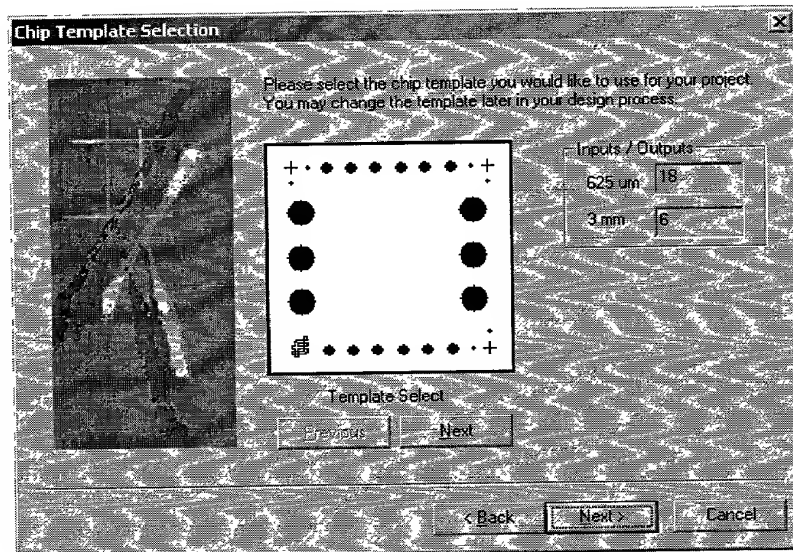


Figure 65 – Chip Template Selection

The chip template selection is very important. Please consider your design and how many inputs and outputs are needed. There are several templates to choose from and the number of 625 um and 3 mm input/output ports are shown in the page as you select the template need. Currently it is not possible to change chip templates in the middle of a design.

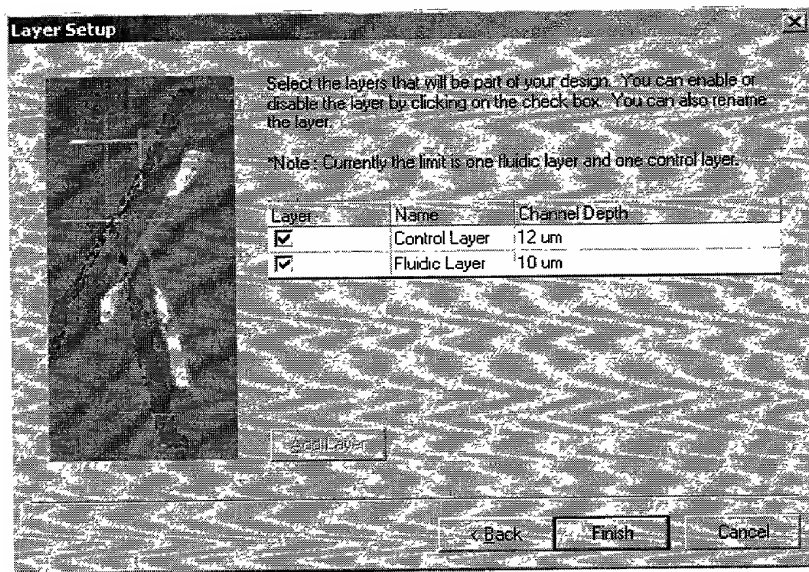


Figure 66 – Layer Setup

The layer setup page allows you to select the layers needed in your design. By default two layers are selected and this is necessary to create active fluidic circuits on the chip. Currently the system is restricted to having a maximum of two layers. Each layer has a channel depth associated with the layer that is fixed in depth.

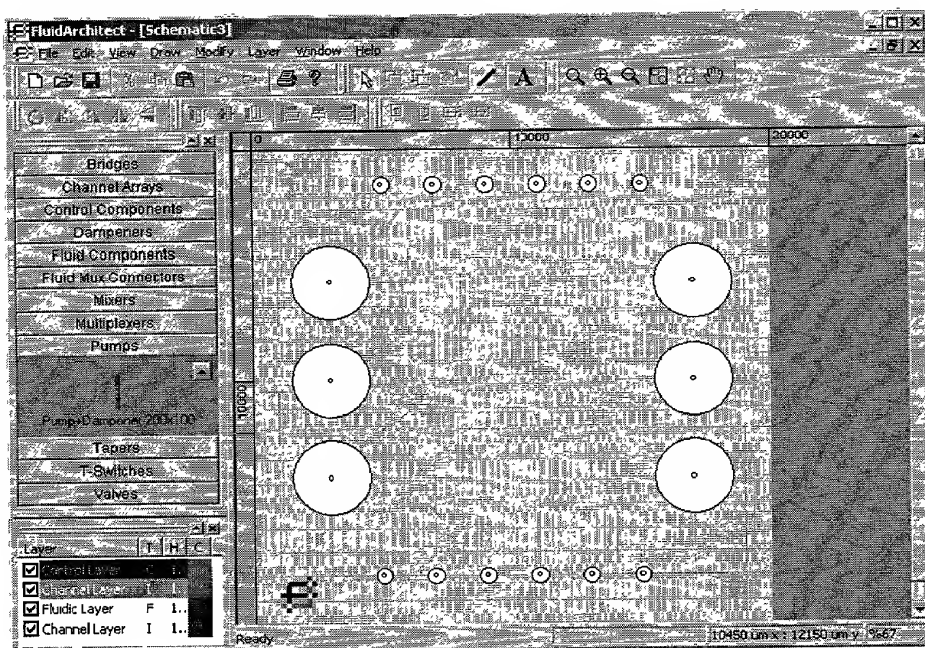


Figure 67 – Completed Design Wizard Setup View

Once you have completed the Design Wizard the chip template chosen will appear in the drawing area as shown in Figure 67. The library components are ready for selection and placement into your design. The layer manager indicates the color of the channels and two which layer they belong as well as the current "Active" layer which is highlighted in black.

Placing Components

Simply select the library from which to drag and drop the components and place them into the drawing area. Left click on the T-Switches title bar in the Library Manager to select the library. Figure 68 shows the T-Switch library being selected and the T-Switch being placed into the drawing area. As the T-Switch is being dragged and positioned it appears as outline of dashed lines. Once placed

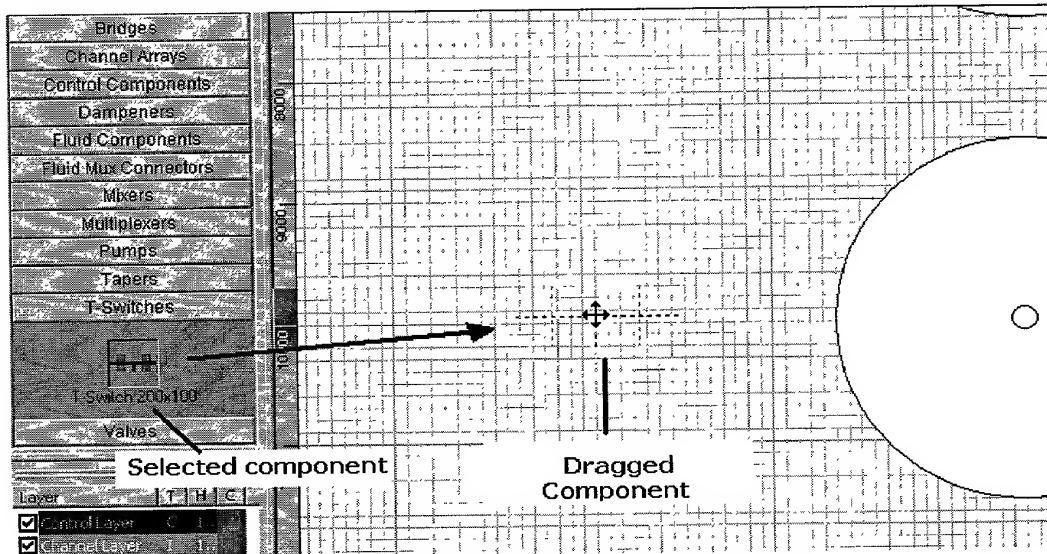


Figure 68 – Placing the T-Switch Component

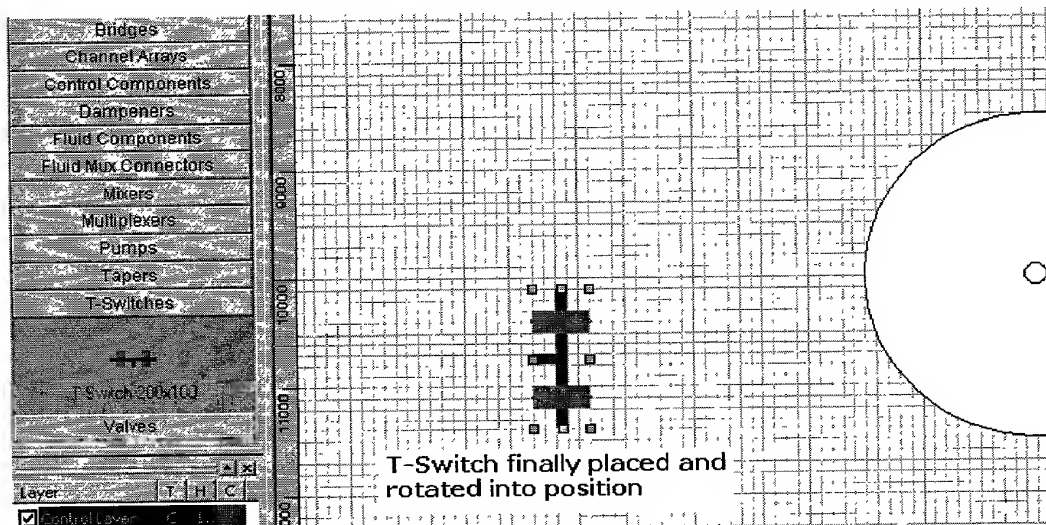


Figure 69 – Finally Placed T-Switch

The placed T-Switch component can now be selected by left clicking it. Once selected, it can be rotated or positioned depending on what is required.

Now, the steps above should be repeated to place the rest of the components for this design.

Connecting the Components

Once all of the components are placed, they must be connected. The components typically consist of channels from both the fluidic and control layers that are specifically positioned and dimensioned to insure proper operation.

Figure 70 shows the connection of the T-Switch to the “Detection Region”, which consists two taper elements and a 30 um channel connecting between the two tapers. Recall that to select a component that only has channel in either the fluidic or control layer, the fluidic or control layer must be set “Active”. This can be done in the Layer Manager by left clicking on the desired layer and right clicking to bring up the pop up menu to set the layer “Active” OR this can also be done by right clicking in the drawing area and bring up the pop up menu and selecting *Layer > Control* or *Fluidic*.

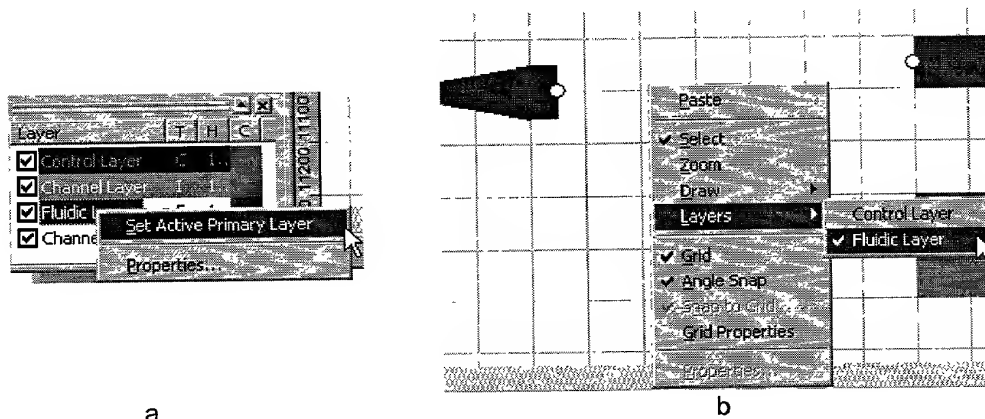


Figure 70. a. Selecting the “Active” Layer through the Layer Manager, b. Selecting the “Active Layer” through the right clicked pop up menu in the drawing area.

In this case the Fluidic Layer needed to be selected as the 30 um – 100 um Taper component was being connected to the input of the T-Switch. Figure 71 shows a channel being drawn from the right end of the Taper component to the input of the T-Switch. Once the cursor turns into the Target Tool a left click will cause a channel to be connected to the unconnected port.

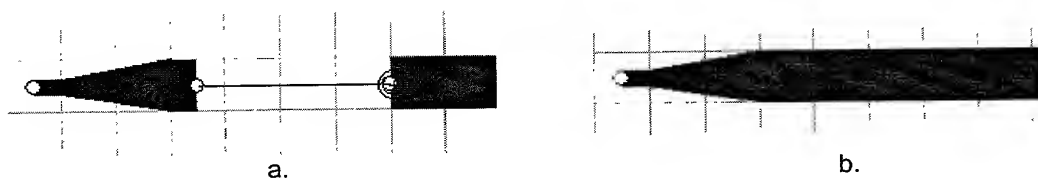


Figure 71 – a. Drawing a Fluidic Connecting Channel, b. Successfully Connected Channel.

Adding a Vertex While Drawing a Channel

While you are drawing a channel, you can single left click to place a vertex from which you can continue to draw a straight channel or draw the channel orthogonally from the placed vertex. Figure 72 shows an example of how to place a vertex and draw a channel with an orthogonal continuation.

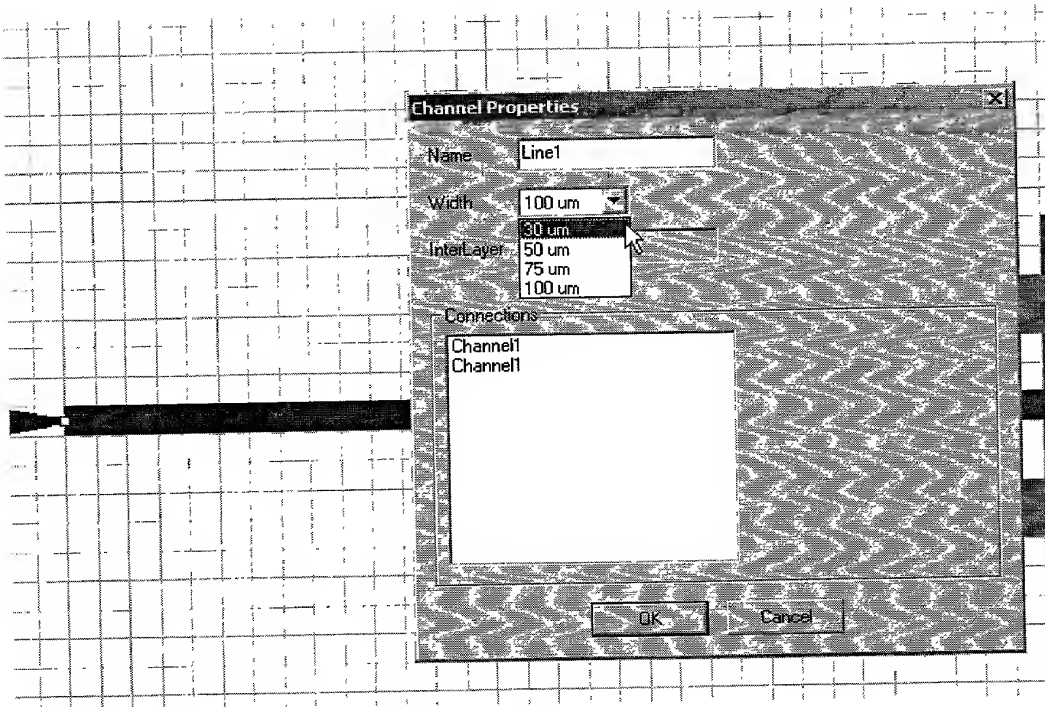


Figure 75 – Setting the Channel Width

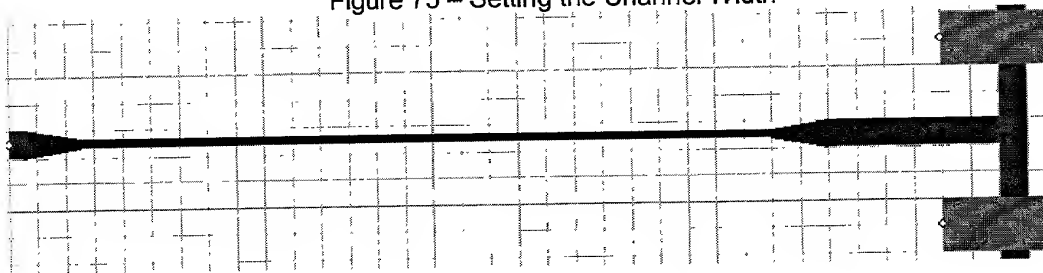


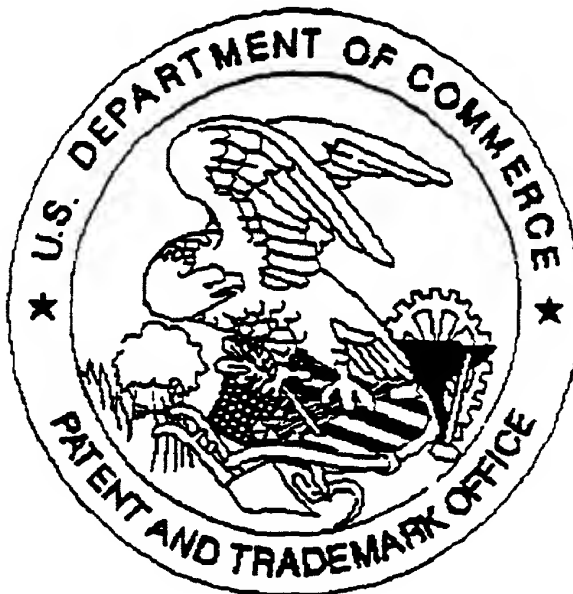
Figure 76 – Drawn Fluidic Channel Width is Now Correct

Connecting To I/O Ports

Once all of the components have been interconnected, the inputs and outputs (I/O) need to be connected. They are connected much in the same way that channels are connected with the help of the Target tool. Once the I/O's are successfully connected, the outlined ports will turn from white to black and the port will turn blue as well. Figure 77 shows an example of a successfully connected 625 μm port.

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